

WHO IS THIS MAN?

## **WHEN RICHES BECOME A ROBBER**

Mark 10:23-31      Jeff Schreve

*"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25*

### **How can riches become a robber?**

#### **1. There is a tendency to believe wealth is a sign of favor.**

*"Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land." Job 1:10*

- Rich people were considered to be shoe-ins for heaven.

#### **2. There is a tendency to trust in riches and not in God.**

*Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. 1 Timothy 6:17*

- A. Riches can make a person self-sufficient and self-reliant.
- B. Riches can bind people to earth and not heaven.

#### **3. There is a tendency to believe salvation can be purchased.**

*Looking upon them, Jesus said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27*

- A. Salvation is totally impossible with man.
- B. Salvation is only possible with God.

#### **4. There is a tendency to think in terms of riches.**

*Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?" Matthew 19:27*

- Beware of serving the Lord for gain and not for love.

**Don't let riches rob you of a relationship with Jesus.**