**Dear God, what if I already have everything I want?**

Rags-to-riches

It’s usually needy people who come to Jesus!

The man who seeks Jesus has no obvious need

* Ruler
* Rich
* Young

One of the good guys!

Compare his profile with Jesus’!

Following the conversation

**“You still lack one thing”**

“When you get to the top, there’s nothing there”

The assumption of our age

“Eternal life” = “treasure in heaven”

**“Come, follow me!”**

What this man is actually asking Jesus for

The deal: Just need to get on God’s nice list?

…But if so, we’re in trouble!

What’s really lacking?

Jesus’ strange answer

* challenging the ruler
* the real focus
* not about ethics, but worship

Who do you really think Jesus is?

**“What is impossible with man is possible with God”**

The ruler’s response

Slaves and Slavemasters

Christmas: riches-to-rags

**“No one…will fail to receive many times as much”**

The true value of what’s being offered

The ultimate rags-to-riches story