

## THE WRONG SAVIOR PT. 3

# ALL OR NOTHING!

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**Mark 10:17** And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, **Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?**

**Mark 10:18** And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.**

**Mark 10:19** Thou knowest the commandments, **Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.**

**Mark 10:20** And he answered and said unto him, **Master, all these have I observed from my youth.**

**Mark 10:21** Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, **One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.**

**Mark 10:22** And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

**Mark 10:23** And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, **How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!**

**Mark 10:24** And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, **Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!**

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

**Mark 10:26** And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, **Who then can be saved?**

**Mark 10:27** And Jesus looking upon them saith, **With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.**

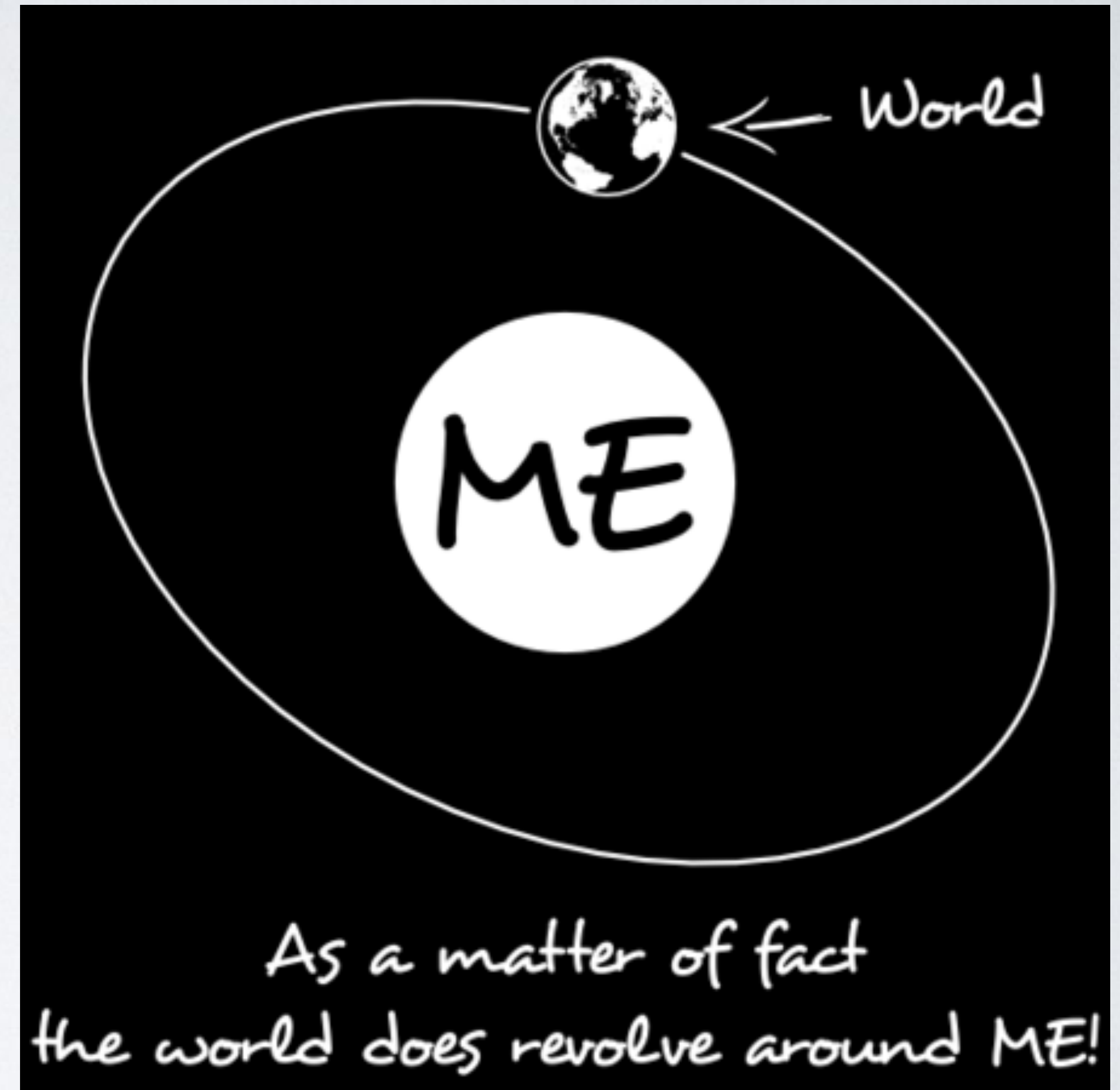


- So many people claim to be Christian but are not willing to obey the very Christ that they claim to follow. *John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*
- Jesus is the only way. This means He has a way that encompasses rules and regulations that must be obeyed in order to truly follow Him. What are we following if we are not following His way? *John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
- When it comes to the real Jesus Christ, we must either choose to accept Him or reject Him. There is no gray area. Sure, we may fall but we must continue to pursue His righteousness if we desire to see Him. *1John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*





- The ruler tried to use what he had learned about the law to enter into the kingdom of heaven. He felt that since he has obeyed a portion of the law, he was qualified to enter in.  
*James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*
- Jesus pointed out the fact that he didn't obey the very laws that he claimed to have obeyed because he could not love His neighbor as himself and deny himself for Christ. *Mark 12:30-31 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.*
- To deny oneself means that we give up our selfish ambitions for Christ. Christ is not our fan or cheerleader. He wants the glory and honor for our lives since He gave His life for us.  
*Matt. 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*





- **Forsaking your desire for fame and fortune is required by all who follow Christ. This is not saying that some believers will not be rich. With God it is possible. *1Tim. 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;***
- **The issue was the ruler's love for his riches and reputation. He wanted fame more than he wanted Christ. This leads to a perpetual cycle of disobedience in order to maintain wealth gained through compromise. *Matt. 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.***
- **Jesus states that it's easier for a camel to go through an eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When people trust in riches and seek fame, it is impossible for them to follow Christ. *Prov. 11:28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.***





Summary

The rich ruler had Jesus all wrong! He tried to use his reputation and prestige as a means to be counted worthy of Jesus' eternal life. He felt that because he was lifted up in the earth, he was qualified to be lifted up in the afterlife. This is a common misconception in our world today. People believe that their fame and fortune is kingdom transferable. If they are famous in the world, they feel they should be recognized by God and God's people. On the contrary, Christ told the story of a rich man that was lifted up while on earth but went to hell when he died. The Bible says he received good things when he was living but now he is in torment.

What we do on earth only matters when it's the will of God! The will of God is for us to obey His Son Jesus and live according to His rules and regulations. The things He taught are not optional but they are necessary for eternal life. However, when people desire fame and fortune more than they desire Christ, they will continue to compromise and will abandon Christ's way for their own way.



*Matt. 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

*Matt. 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

*Matt. 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*