

Monday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mk 10:17-27): Then Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him and he said, «For you, one thing is lacking. Go, sell what you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come and follow me».

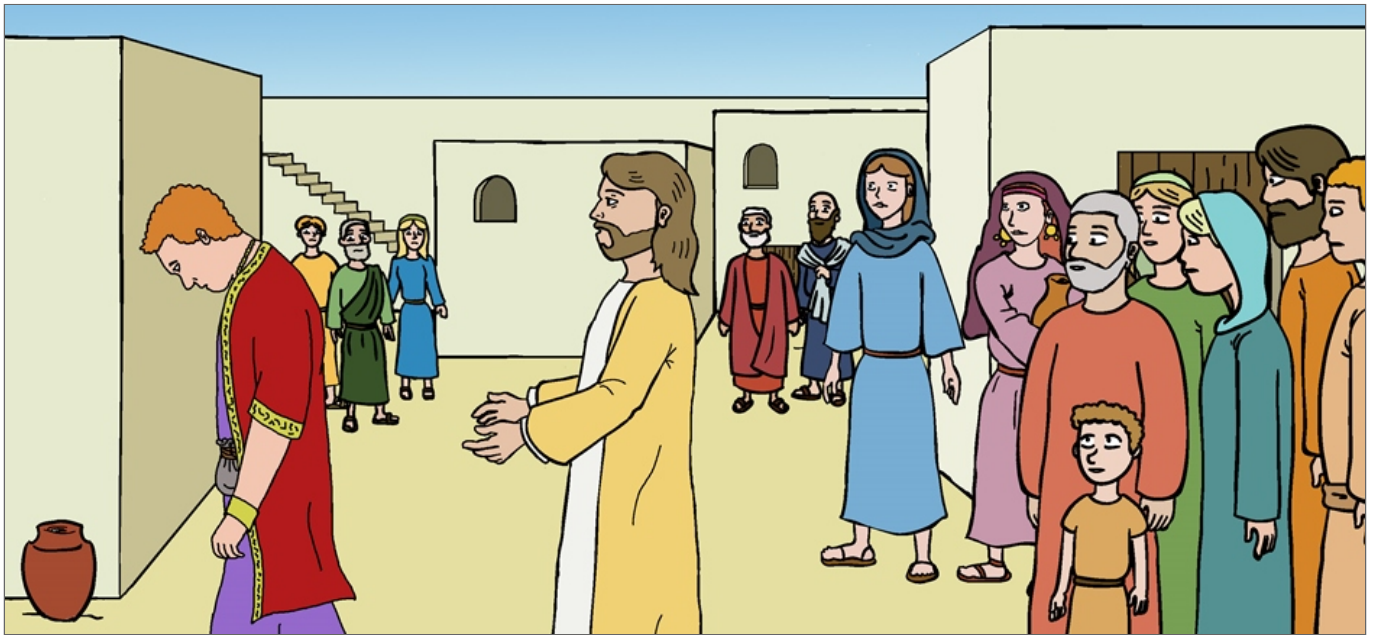


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Today, a young man approaches Jesus. He asks Him what he should do to inherit eternal life. "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony..." replied the Lord. – All these I have kept since I was a boy! What else can I do? –Sell everything and follow me... but he could not do it! He was too much loaded with things; he had lost his freedom... and he became very sad.

—Things are just the means. They are not eternal; but Jesus is!