

## “Last Words of Christ: The Rich Young Ruler”

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**What** The rich young ruler expresses his frustration at the fact that Jesus offered eternal life to the thief hanging beside Him on the cross, when he himself had worked so hard to live a good life to earn salvation. He realizes that Jesus offered salvation to the man simply because he asked for it, not because he had done anything to earn it.

**Themes:** Easter, Redemption, Repent, Mercy

**Who** Rich Young Ruler

**When** Bible times with modern twist

**Wear (Props)** The actor is dressed in business casual clothes- pants, nice blazer

**Why** Mark 10:17-27; Matthew 19:16-26; Luke 23:39-43

**How** The Rich Young Ruler speaks with passion. Be careful not to overact. Anger doesn't always look like yelling. Sometimes anger is controlled, biting words, so be sure to think through your lines. The dialogue will get lost if your tone is raised the entire time. Give yourself plenty of time before the performance to think through who this man was- what's his day-to-day life like? How did he become rich? Ask yourself questions to get to know him more. This will make your performance more authentic.

The Title Card can be displayed on your screen before the monologue begins.

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**Time** Approximately 3 minutes

**TITLE CARD:**

"Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

*The RICH YOUNG RULER is dressed to show his status. He's eager to let us know his opinion.*

**Rich Young Ruler:**

Oh yes, I heard what he said. I heard all too well what Jesus told that man...that thief...hanging next to him. And it was drastically different than what he told me.

*Beginning to pace, getting stirred up.*

The day I encountered Jesus, I dropped to my knees, right in front of him! He had my respect from the start.

*Talking faster...*

I wasn't looking for a handout. I explained that I had done the hard work. But I just needed to know...was I missing something. Was there some good thing that I should do to inherit eternal life?

*It's hard for him to say.*

Sell all I possess. That's what Jesus told me. Sell it all and give the money to the poor. Then I will have treasure in heaven. Yeah, right.

*Beat*

I was always taught that salvation is a reward for a life full of good works. It's not a handout to people who cannot muster up enough character to earn it. My wealth is a sure indication of the favor that rests upon me from God!

*Growing more indignant.*

I had asked how to receive eternal life, but this disgusting shell of a man hanging next to Jesus, he's the one who gets it? Jesus told him that the very day he died, he'd be in paradise.

*Churning in his irritation.*

This thug couldn't bleed a drop of goodness that he hadn't borrowed—no, stolen!—from the righteous man hanging next to him. He was the thief. But I was treated as if I had been robbing God all along!

*Less angry, more disturbed.*

I offered to do what I had to do. That man offered nothing. All he could do was plead for mercy. And that's how he got eternal life, like it was just a...a...

*Long beat, he is out of breath.*

...a gift...

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