

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

-QUESTION-

1. Was Jesus Rich in Money, or Rich in Righteousness? (many people believe and teach that Jesus was poor financially, but Rich in Righteousness)

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV)

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

The point being made on the video clip is:

Jesus wasn't rich in Finances. He was rich in righteousness.

Then he gave his righteousness to us and became poor in sin / by becoming a sinner.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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#2 - Original Language Definitions.

#3 - Historical / Cultural Setting.

#4 - Agreement of other scriptural passages.

#5 - Agreement or Disagreement of the Holy Spirit.

**#1 - What's the context of 2 Corinthians 8?
(What is Paul talking about?)**

**#1 - What's the context of Matthew 19?
(What is Jesus talking about?)**

#1 - Context of the passage.

- > What are Paul & Jesus talking about?

- > Money

- >> So Myron's point that 2 Cor. 8:9 is not talking about money but righteousness is incorrect according to the context .

#2 - Original Language Definitions.

The word we're most interested in at the moment is 'Rich'

The Greek word used here for 'Rich' is used 28 times in the N.T.

- > 25 times it refers to money / material wealth
- > 3 times it refers to something else
 - Rich in Mercy (Ephesians 2:4)
 - Rich in Faith (James 2:5)
 - Church of Smyrna (Revelation 2:9)

- Matthew 27:57 > Rich man of Arimathaea
- Mt. 19:23-24, Luke 18:25 > Camel and Needle's Eye
- Luke 12:16-21 > Bigger Barns.... Thou Fool.....
- Luke 16:19 > Rich man and Lazarus
- Luke 18:23 > Rich Young Ruler
- Revelation 3:17 > Church a Laodicean

“Rich” (G4145)

“from 4149; wealthy; figuratively, abounding with:--rich.”

- (G4149)

“from the base of 4130; wealth (as fulness), i.e. (literally) money, possessions, or (figuratively) abundance, richness, (specially), valuable bestowment:--riches.”

#1 - Context of the passage.

#2 - Original Language Definitions.

> so by both of these Paul is talking about money. (Apparently: Myron is wrong)

#3 - Historial / Cultural Setting.

2 Corinthians 8:1-4 (AMP)

1 We want to tell you further, brethren, about the grace (the favor and spiritual blessing) of God which has been evident in the churches of Macedonia [arousing in them the desire to give alms]; **2** For in the midst of an ordeal of severe tribulation, their abundance of joy and their depth of poverty [together] have overflowed in wealth of lavish generosity on their part.

3 For, as I can bear witness, [they gave] according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability; and [they did it] voluntarily, 4 Begging us most insistently for the favor and the fellowship of contributing in this ministration for [the relief and support of] the saints [in Jerusalem].

#4 - Agreement of other scriptural passages
(It's best if it can be found through the 7 witnesses of the Bible)

- 1 - Genesis in Seed Form.**
- 2 - Pentateuch in the Law.**
- 3 - Psalms in Sacred Song.**
- 4 - The Prophets.**
- 5 - The Gospels as Jesus taught.**
- 6 - In Acts as the Apostles Acted on it.**
- 7 - In Doctrine via the Letters to the Church.**

- 1. He started life by being made rich by the Wiseman . (Matthew 2:11)**

1 Kings 10:2 (NKJV)

2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

1 Kings 10:10 (NKJV)

10 Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

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- \$3,490,200.00 in Gold
- "The spices and precious stones could have been equal in value to the gold."

2. He was Joseph's oldest son in the family.
 - a. Which means he inherited the Birthright, Blessing, and Responsibilities of the oldest son.
 - b. We know this is true because he handed the Responsibility of his mother off to John at the crucifixion. (John 19:26-27)

3. It appears He owned his own house.
 - > At least at some point in his life.....

- a. When Jesus left Nazareth, he went to live in Capernaum. (By the Sea Coast) (Matthew 4:13)
- b. Mark 2:1 - Jesus came to Capernaum, and went to the house / his home (NIV). Other translations: "the house". The original language infers it was "his home".

- c. Mark 9:33 - Again Jesus is in “the house” at Capernaum.
- d. John 1:38-39 - The disciples ask where he lives.....
- e. John 2:12 - Jesus takes his mother, family, and disciples to Capernaum and they stay with him.

Mark 1:38-45 (KJV)

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. 39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. 40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. 42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; 44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

Mark 2:1-2 (NIV)

1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that “he had come home.” **2** So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

4. His ministry had enough money in the ministry to feed 5000 men plus women and children.

Mark 6:35-38 (NIV)

35 By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. This is a remote place, they said, and it's already very late.

36 Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat. 37

But he answered, You give them something to eat.

They said to him, That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat? 38 How many loaves do you have? he asked. Go and see. When they found out, they said, Five and two fish.

#5 - Agreement or Disagreement of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:6-16)

- > This one is absolutely more subjective.
- > Directly tied to how well we hear the Spirit.
- > But spiritual things are spiritually discerned.....

> Again, if Jesus was always poor, how was he tempted like a Rich man is tempted?

What we can learn:

#1 - At some point in his life, Jesus was likely a Rich man.

#2 - Be cautious with what you watch and believe from online.

(Study to show yourself approved....)

#3 - Don't believe the false narrative that Jesus was poor. It will stop you from being sure that God wants you to Prosper. (Heb. 11:1 - "Faith is being Sure")

Numbers 6:22-27 (NKJV)

22 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 23 Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

24 The LORD ("Jehovah") bless ("To Kneel; Serve") you and keep ("Save") you; 25 The LORD ("Jehovah") make His face shine (The Glory) upon you, and be gracious ("To Bend or Stoop in Kindness to an Inferior; to Favor; To Bestow") to you;

26 The LORD ("Jehovah") lift up His countenance upon you, (This is about YOU) And give you peace. ("Prosperity") 27 So they shall put My name ("the idea of definite and conspicuous position; as a mark or memorial of individuality") on the children of Israel, and I will bless ("To Kneel; Serve") them.

Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV)

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.