

**Reflections on the Gospel of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018: Mark 10:17—30.**

( Story of the Rich young man).

“ What must I do.....?” “He went away sad for he was a man of great wealth”

Here we encounter a person (who was & remains nameless to us) who had it ALL.

He was a great believer , obviously a devout Jew, had kept the law & commandments since knee-high, but now he encounters Jesus , who apparently calls him to follow him , and certainly loves him, at their first encounter.

He was entranced by Jesus’s personality, his love /care for the sick and the poor, & captivated by his charisma. But other forces are at work. He is asked to give up his wealth to the needy .

Too much. Too soon. At his demise from life that’s OK but not now—he walks away sad.....who was he we ask ? Could he have been the greatest of the apostles or an evangelist , like the other followers?

We too are similarly called , but not so dramatically ! Give your time, your home to hospitality, encourage youth, stay out or indoors as the case may be to help those who need help wherever possible without inconveniencing the rest of the family.

The call is to Be with Jesus & Do the things he would do.