

Commentary on the Gospel for Mon, Aug 20th 2012

This rich young man is the only one in the New Testament who was called by Christ but did not follow. Matthew says that he was young, and Luke says that he was a ruler, but all the Gospels tell us that he was rich. No more is heard of him; he disappears completely from the record. We hear much about Judas (more, in fact, than about many of the Twelve), and we even see attempts to rehabilitate him; but we hear nothing more about the rich young man. Wealth has a way of silently stifling one's life.

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