

**Series: What Did Jesus Do**  
**Message: Absolutes in the Age of Ambiguity**  
**Text: Matthew 19:16-22**  
**(AM 3/18/07)**

Our contemporary culture is like a ship afloat on the open sea with no rudder. We are driven by whatever wind of opinion prevails on any given day. How the church needs to restore our nation's moral rudder and compass of truth. In an *age of ambiguity there are some absolutes!*

**Absolute #1 God Is Our Source. (16-17a)**

*The best of life originates in God.*

God is our source of everything good in every realm of life:

- Scientifically
- Socially
- Spiritually

**Absolute #2 We Are All Sinners. (17b-20)**

*The best we can offer will never save us.*

- It's not enough to be rich
- It's not enough to be right
- It's not enough to be religious
  - *Our best apart from God will always lead to ruin & regret!*

**Absolute #3 Jesus Is The Only Savior. (21-22)**

*The best God offered is our only hope.*

- Jesus reveals sins folly – “go sell what you have”
- Jesus reveals salvations focus – “Come”
- Jesus reveals success's foundation – “follow me”
  - *Remember, “With God all things are possible!” Matt 19:26*

**Application to life:** In what have you placed your hope? Through the encounter with the rich young ruler Jesus reminds us that He is our only hope. What do you need to *go and sell* that you might rely completely on Him?