

From the desk of Fr. Stimpson:

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Dear Friends,

So Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the “Synoptic Gospels.” The Greek word “synoptic” means a seeing together. So there’s a lot of overlap in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The Gospel of John is unique and more theologically dense. There’s a book called a Synopsis of the Gospels which places the same stories and teachings of Christ side by side. The variations are neat and give us insight into the author’s themes and emphases.

All this is to say that Matthew, Mark, and Luke all have the same story of the rich young man from today’s Gospel reading...yet only Mark describes how Jesus looked at the man and loved him. Like the rich young man, we can struggle with varied attachments that keep us from following Christ...but I think to ponder the loving gaze of Christ is going to be our path to freedom. May God bless you all this weekend.

Peace,
Father