

Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings

## Behold! My Servant

Matthew 12:15-50

### Last week:

- The holiness of rest
- Plucking grain - showbread: food & fellowship, provision and presence
- His presence is our provision
- Lord of the Sabbath - sabbath made for man, not man for the sabbath

### Today:

- Gentiles & The Messiah, Words from Heart to Mouth, Spiritual Family

## [Pray]

### 12:15-21

#### But when Jesus knew it - destroy

Similar word to the destroyer in Revelation

Abolish, end, ruin, to kill

**Knew** - intimate knowledge

Did he hear? Did someone tell him?

#### Word of knowledge (1 Cor 12:8)

He also perceives their thoughts at other times

It's one thing to have a suspicion, it's another thing to know

*My job this year*

**God will reveal things to you - things that are important for you to know - but things that are important to know for ministering to others**

#### He withdrew

DGC mentioned God's timing. "The ministry could not be allowed to peak too soon."

**Even in history, Jesus came at just the right time. Culmination of nations, languages, corporal punishment**

### History is HIS story

### He warned them not to make Him known

It wasn't time yet

Water to wine ... "Woman, my hour has not yet come"

**God has a very specific plan. We should not interfere when he warns us not to.**

Those people you're concerned about, but don't have an open door? Don't force it. Pray.

### *Paul and the Jews. Hebrews author?*

The people he just finished ministering to...rejected. Good in God's sight

Parables in the next chapter. Hidden in a sense, out of mercy, to those who would reject

### **God doesn't enjoy pronouncing judgment.**

He's not looking forward to proclaiming eternal judgment on the world. But it must come. But he is not out to make it worse for those who reject.

### **Jesus quotes Isaiah 42:1-5**

### **And it's about the Gentiles!**

**He's telling the Jews, not coincidentally when they reject Him, that He's also there for the Gentiles.**

### **He will not quarrel or cry out**

How do you imagine Jesus taught? Preached? Went about His ministry?

Was he drumming up emotion, or commotion?

Sure, he flipped tables. Rebuked pharisees. But what did it feel like? Look like? Sound like?

*Again, Protestia on X/Twitter*

*Circles of Christianity...shouting is the way the preaching is done, speaking with a certain tone or twang. This, I believe, is honestly the flesh trying to be spiritual. Thinking that if I just say it at a certain volume, it has more power.*

**As if God needs to shout! "A still, small voice" - 1 Kings 19**

**Bruised reed, smoking flax**

We touched on this a little while back

**God doesn't want to snuff you out when you're broken, hurt, or misguided**

**He wants to fan you into flames**

**Heal and mend you into something useable** - that might even bring correction into other's lives.

**:22-30****Yet another demon possessed person**

We've talked about this too...but I guarantee there is far more demonic activity in our day even, and we pretend it's not. We say it's psychological.

*"Drones" in NJ. Even if not directly demonic, it's being used by the demonic realm to make people look to the heavens in search of satan, not in search of Jesus.*

**Jesus heals him**

Sight and speech restored - that alone would teach a whole message on God's power and satan's tactics

**What is the huge crowd's response? Is He The Son of David!?**

Remember all the way back in Matthew 1? The Genealogy?

The Son of David, The Son of Abraham

The King of the Covenant

**They're asking, Is He the Messiah?!****Finally! Folks are starting to see it! And say it!**

**Romans 10:8-10 NKJV - But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

**Now when the Pharisees heard it...heard what? Not that the guy was freed from the demon, healed of blindness, healed of muteness...**

**When they heard WHAT THE PEOPLE WERE STARTING TO BELIEVE**

They didn't care about the people, only what the people thought about them

*Beware of false Christianity which is caught up in appearances. Caught up in what others think. It's a snare! It's dangerous. (Yes, we should be holy and be examples and avoid appearances of evil Thessalonians)*

*But our main aim is to know Jesus and make Him known, not to control what others think of us for our own benefit and influence.*

**The Pharisees say the work of God is really the work of Satan.  
Not so logical there**

*Commentary: ii. "Satan may be wicked, He says in effect, but he is not a fool." (Bruce)  
"Whatever fault the devils have, they are not at strife with each other; that fault is reserved for the servants of a better Master." (Spurgeon)*

**Jesus knew their thoughts.  
If it wasn't word of knowledge before, it is now.**

**Jesus flips it back on them. If I'm doing it by Satan, what about you guys?**

*More commentary i. "The Jewish exorcists operated in conventional fashion by use of herbs and magical formulae, and the results were probably insignificant. The practice was sanctioned by custom, and harmless. But in casting out devils, as in all other things, Jesus was original, and His method was too effectual. His power, manifest to all, was His offence." (Bruce)*

*ii. "Envy causes persons often to condemn in one, what they approve in another." (Spurgeon)*

**V28 If I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you**

**He's getting to the root of their problem. He is the Messiah.  
God has come.**

**And they don't like it. They don't believe it.**

**V30 He who is not with Me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters abroad**

**There's only two teams guys**

You're either for Him, or against Him

There's far too much division in the church over things that don't matter. But there's also far too much going on in places that call themselves churches that prove they are not.

Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV - I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [There is] one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.

## :31-32

### The Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit

Much talked about and controversial

It's simple.

#### What's the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

John 16:8-15 NKJV - "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear [them] now. "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own [authority], but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare [it] to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare [it] to you.

The Holy Spirit points to our need for a savior - Jesus

**Blaspheming Him? NOT believing his message.**

What's the result of not believing His message? Not accepting Jesus as payment for our sins. As our only way to the Father.

**It can't be forgiven because it's the basis of receiving forgiveness.**

*The age to come...Jesus is always pointing to Heaven.*

*Religious people are always pointing us to here at best. To hell at worst.*

*As believer's we're looking for Jesus to return, not waiting for the imposter to show up.*

## :33-37

## **A tree is known by it's fruit.**

*This is borderline hate speech in our day and age*

## **You're not going to get good things from bad people**

*Jordan Peterson, glad he's pursuing the gospel, close to salvation*

*But his intellect is keeping him away. His search for understanding is not recommended Bible teaching for believers.*

*The flesh cannot understand the things of the Spirit 1 Cor 2*

**That weird pervert teaching your kid? That's not good.**

**That strange preacher that you make excuses for and still listen to?**

**No good.**

**A parable for us (early!) Luke 13:6-9 NKJV - He also spoke this parable: "A certain [man] had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' "But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize [it]. 'And if it bears fruit, [well]. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "**

## **Brood of vipers! Same thing John called them.**

**There is nothing to be spiritually gained by listening to spiritually bankrupt people**

**All roads lead to Rome**

**But not all roads lead to heaven**

*Dave Ramsey says not to take business advice from someone with a failed business*

*Pretty obvious! Why then do we ignore it in the spiritual world?*

## **The connection between the heart and the mouth**

*James teaches us about the tongue, the rudder, set on fire by hell itself*

**Ephesians 4:29-30 NKJV - Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

**Our heart is being worked on by God. It's wicked and deceitful.**

**Sometimes we have to catch it and stop it from coming out of our mouths.**

## **What we believe will eventually come out of our mouth**

*Muttering and mumbling*

*Feelings for someone - good or bad.*

**It's how you can tell who someone is...hang around them long enough. See what they say. What they do. What they talk about. They'll reveal their desires. Good or bad. And you'll see what's truly a slip up or what's a pattern of life.**

**We can't hide what's in our hearts.**

*Christmas gifts, just hang around and listen to what someone talks about.*

**The connection between words and judgment.**

**What separates us from heaven and hell? 18"  
If we've believed in our heart, we'll say with our mouth  
Either to salvation or to condemnation**

**:38-42**

**OK "Teacher" Prove it.**

Even if they were asking genuinely...

As if He hadn't already shown them a thousand time already!

*A satanic request to test God (as in the wilderness)*

**Nineveh, hugely wicked city. Jonah hated it!**

**But THEY repented. ISRAEL did not.**

**Queen of Sheebah came from far away to hear Solomon and learn  
But Israel refused to hear the wisdom of God in their own back yard.**

*Jonah, like the Messiah, would die and be unseen for three days*

*And when resurrected, his message would bring repentance*

**The heart of the Earth.**

The more I read the Bible, the longer I'm a believer, the more I'm convinced of the connection between the physical world and spiritual realm.

**Great discussion for another time.**

## **:43-45**

### **Casting out of demons - great!**

**But not getting your house in order - it'll be worse.**

**Sure, maybe demons were cast out**

**But the people would end up better off without God living inside.**

**Revelation 3:20 NKJV - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.**

### **Psychology won't fix your problems**

Talking to a therapist all the time, being dependent on them

Instead of being dependent on God, praying, the Holy Spirit's influence

### **The acceleration after 9/11**

This mostly-false national repentance. Some saved (me). The church in NY formed.

But as a nation, it wasn't real repentance. It was fear. When the fear was gone we ran in the other way, embracing Islam, embracing perversity, leaving God behind and the golden age of America was over.

***Maybe the Israelites had gotten rid of some evils in their day, expected a political savior, but when God showed up, they didn't give him a place in their hearts. What would result? 2000 years of rejection and embracing of anything but the truth. Worse than they were before.***

## **:46-50**

### **Jesus' family showed up.**

*Anyone who tells you Mary didn't have other kids clearly didn't read the Bible*

His family didn't follow him closely. Many didn't believe until after the resurrection. And they even called him insane...

*As much as we want our family to follow where we're going, they might not. They might see you as the black sheep, or remember changing your diapers, or not be able to see past something you did. But prayer is the answer for them. How will you know they really believe? They'll recognize the work of God in your life, too.*

### **Jesus asks, Who is my family?**

It's not that he doesn't love them. He's not rebuking them.



## **He's revealing a tie closer than blood relatives.**

Being born into a family isn't what's most important.  
It's being born again into the family of God.

**The closest family we will have are those who follow God and obey him.**

**Obedience to God is the mark of someone in the family of God.**

My kids obey me, yours don't have to!  
I discipline my kids, but not yours!  
I also pay my kids allowance, get them gifts, but not yours! (haha)

**Of course blood family is important. But at the end of the day, who do we follow?  
Who do we live for?**

**The church should be like family (cue F&F).**

We're not always going to like each other.  
We're not always going to be best friends with everyone.  
But at the end of the day: we're family. I'm here for you. You're here for me.

And although I love you and I love my heavenly Father, I can't go along with you when you go away from the Father.

- We don't give up on each other.
- We don't turn our backs on each other.
- We hold each other accountable.
- We hold each other up.
- We lead each other and point each other to our Father. To our home.

*DGC ii. We can see this as a gracious invitation — even to these religious leaders who deepened their hostility against Jesus and plotted against Him. They could still come and be part of His family.*

**Are you a part of God's family? Do you want assurance of having a heavenly father? Of having a home to go to after you die? Of being forgiven and rewarded instead of judged and punished?**

**Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Savior.**