

The Life of Christ A-Z

Marvellous Messages

Matthew 5:17-20 The Most Unreligious Thing Anyone Has Ever Said

ANGELS ANNOUNCE (The Pregnancy)

Luke 1:26-38/Matthew 1:18-25

BIRTH in BETHLEHEM (ala Micah 5:2)

Luke 2:1-7

CARPENTRY CAREER (in Nazareth)

Matthew 2:23/Mark 6:3

DOVE DESCENDS (The Baptism)

Matthew 3:1-17/Luke 3:21-23

ENEMY ENTICES (The Temptation)

Matthew 4:1-11/Luke 4:1-13

FIRST FOLLOWERS ("Japan")

John 1:35-51

GREAT GUESTS (1st Miracle: Water to Wine)

John 2:1-11

HARSH HOUSECLEANING (of the Temple)

John 2:13-22

INCREDIBLE INTERVIEW (w/Nicodemus)

John 3:1-21

JIVE at JACOB'S WELL (w/Samaritan Woman)

John 4:1-42

KIN KICKOUT (of Nazareth)

Luke 4:16-30

LOCATION LATERALED (to Capernaum)

Matthew 4:13-16

MARVELLOUS MESSAGE (Sermon on

Matthew 5:1-7:29 the Mount)

NATURE NEUTRALIZED ("Sign" Miracles)

Matthew 8:1-12:13

OPPOSITION OFFERED (No More "Signs")

Matthew 12:14-45/Mark 3:22-30

PARABLES PROPHECY (InterAdvent Period)

Matthew 13:1-52

QUIZICAL QUESTIONS (Who Am I?)

Matthew 16:13-20

REALITY REVEALED (The Transfiguration)

Matthew 17:1-13

STONING STOPPED (Jesus Claims Deity)

John 10:22-42

TOMB TRAUMATIZED (Raising of Lazarus)

John 11:1-53

UNDERSTANDABLE UPSET (of t/Temple)

Matthew 21:12-17/Mark 11:2-18

VISION OF VICTORY (Olivet Discourse)

Matthew 24:1-25:46

WASHING and WISDOM (Upper Room

John 13:1-17:26 Discourse)

eXPIATORY eXECUTION (The Atonement)

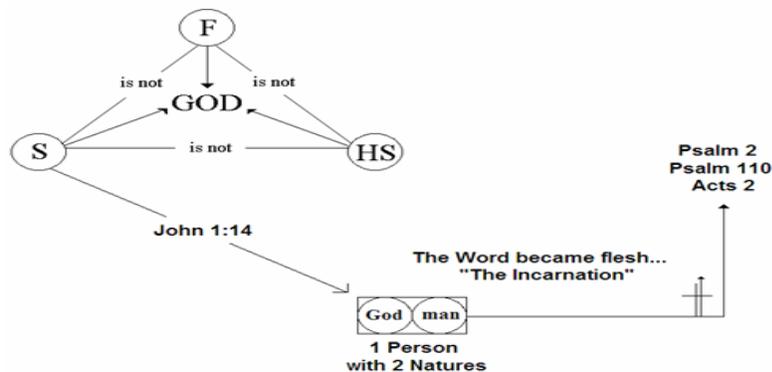
Matthew 27:27-66/John 19:17-42

YES! YEAH! (The Resurrection)

Matthew 28:1-15/John 20:1-21:25

ZAPPED from ZION (The Ascension)

Luke 24:50-53/Acts 1:6-11



In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.....the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:1 and 1:14

The Sermon on the Mount at a Glance

Prologue 5:1-16

Believers Are Spiritual Salt/Light

The Theological Purpose Statement 5:17-20

Human Beings Need a Righteousness (+R) We Can Not Produce Ourselves

The Body What True +R Really Is 5:21-7:11

+R Is More Than Behavior Modification-Following Rules/Performing Rituals

The Practical Purpose Statement

+R People Treat Other People with Positive Respect 7:12

Epilogue 7:13-27

Religion Can't Make Human Beings +R

Today: Matthew 5:17-20

The Most Unreligious Thing Anyone Has Ever Said...

...Was Said by Jesus Christ

The Context for TMUTAHES v17-19

Nothing Jesus Will Say in This Sermon Rejects Any of the Old Testament Scripture

Verse 17

The Lord here gives an “upfront” clarification so that His hearers will not misunderstand His intent for what He is about to say. This sermon at times sounds like a rejection of the Old Testament Law-for example see in 5:21-22; 5:27-28; 5:31-32; 5:33-34; 5:38-39; 5:43-44 a long section of the message in which Jesus says multiple times:

You have heard (in the OT Scripture/Law) X.....BUT I say to you Y

Instead of rejecting any of the Old Testament Scripture, the Lord Jesus is rejecting the incorrect wooden/legalistic interpretation of the Scripture that was being taught by the Religious Leaders of the day. Jesus Himself in thought, word and deed was the perfect expression of the Old Testament Scripture.

Verse 18

The Scriptures (here the Old Testament Scriptures) are propositional truth given by the living God and therefore are gnomic/timeless in their purpose and will be preserved by their Author. Two weeks ago when the Lord interpreted Isaiah 61:1-2 as a direct reference to Himself, I talked about how the Dead Sea Scrolls (the Isaiah Scroll) showed us how God has providentially preserved His written (Old Testament) Word. But how about the New Testament? Same song...second verse-see 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Peter 3:16; 1 Tim 5:17-18; Revelation 22:18-19. HINT: later church councils did not “make” the New Testament books Scripture, they simply formally recognized them as Scripture in the same way that Isaac Newton didn’t “invent” or “create” gravity-he simply described it.

Verse 19

Jesus was “big” on the written Scriptures generally and often makes a “big deal” about the specific structure/wording used in Scripture. In Matthew 22:41-46-He uses the difference between the words Yahweh/LORD and Adonai/Lord in Psalm 110 to affirm His deity. In John 8:30-32-He emphasizes true discipleship involves believers personally abiding in Him and propositionally abiding in His Word. On the road to Emmaus on the day of His resurrection in Luke 24:26-32-He clarified confusion about His death to two of his d-disciples by “beginning with Moses and going through all of the Prophets He explained to them the things concerning Himself in the Scriptures.”

The Content of TMUTAHES v20

Jesus Slam Dunks Any/All Salvation by Human Merit Systems

The Scribes and the Pharisees were the most religious (“righteous”) people in a very religious culture. In saying a person must have a greater righteousness than theirs our Lord was driving listeners to seek/submit to the perfect +R of God found only in Him-His Person/Work. Rabbi Saul who would become the Apostle Paul is perhaps the ultimate example of a Scribe/Pharisee who was saved NOT by being a very religious/outwardly righteous Jew...but rather as a sinner received +R thru faith in Messiah/Savior Jesus.

His testimony to this is found in Philippians 3:1-14 which says in part: “But whatever things were gain to me (his “righteous” standing based on his merit) those things I have counted by loss (worthless) for the sake of (because of who and what) Christ (is)...and (as a result) be(ing) found in Him (“in Christ” Doctrine of Positional Truth/Justification by Faith) not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law (Matthew 5:20) but that which is found through faith in Christ, the +R which comes from God on the basis of faith.” Or to put it another way “But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his (the non-working ungodly person who trusts in Christ) faith is reckoned as +R.” Romans 4:5 which ties with Matthew 5:20 as TMUTAHES).

Take This To Heart

Human beings have a God-shaped hole in our hearts and we are inherently “religious” because of intuition, interrogatives and interest...all of us worship something/someone or Something/SomeOne in some form. However HBs intuitively assume connecting with

God (however He is defined by individuals) is based in our merit/our works, our “righteousness.” Our Lord Jesus begins His most famous message (the basic content of which He would have taught hundreds of times during the Great Galilean Ministry) by destroying this premise of conventional religious thought.

HVP Popular Opinion

Salvation is based on Human Merit expressed through religion/rituals

IOWs: Salvation Must Be Achieved...to Counter This Our Lord Proclaimed TMUTAHES

DVP Directly from Jesus

Salvation is based on the Person/Work of the Savior (John 3:16-18) received by Grace thru Faith in Christ Alone precisely because no human being can be good enough to produce a righteous standing // the perfectly Just and Righteous Triune God.

IOWs: Salvation Must Be Received

A Great Q to Ask When Witnessing to People

Today Who Think Like the Scribes/Pharisees of Old:

Who “Gets the Credit/Does the Work” for Your Salvation?

The Biblical Answer Consistent with Matthew 5:17-20

But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3-7

Top 7 Things That Crossed Goliath's Mind Just Before David Loaded His Slingshot

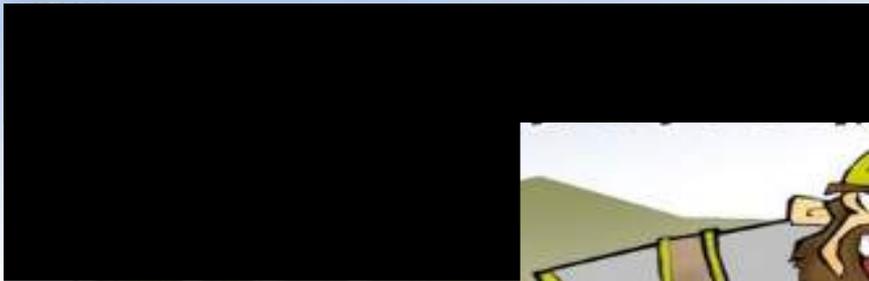
7. South Alabama Would Have a Better Chance vs OSU...
...Than This Punk Has vs Me!
6. The “Philistine Powerhouse” vs the “Semitic Shrimp???”
...My Agent Will NEVER Be Able to Sell This to HBO!
5. It's Funny, But for a Shepherd...
...This Kid Doesn't Sweat Much!

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4. After I Put This Midget in His Place, I'm Going...
...to Disney World!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

3. I Wonder Why He is Running TOWARD Me...
...and Not AWAY from Me?!?

2. It's Sad But This Whole Thing Will Take about 3 Sec & Then...
...Nobody Will Even Remember It Ever Happened!



Goliath's Last Words

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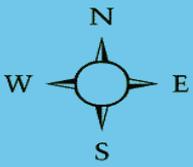
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THE GREAT SEA
(MEDITERRANEAN SEA)



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(Jacob's Well)

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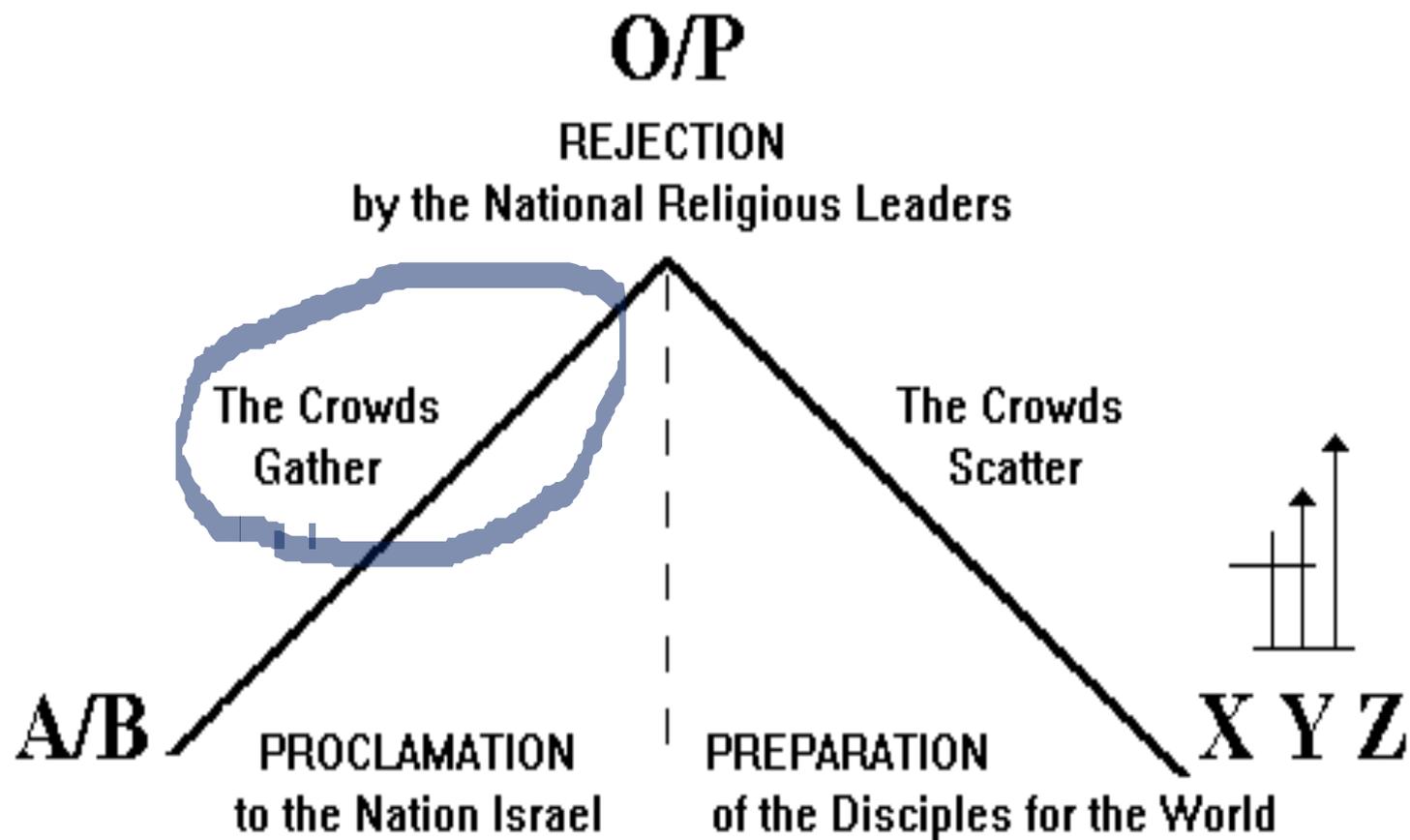
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THE MESSAGE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

(1) Evangelism: COME TO ME: Believe on the Christ and His Cross!

(2) Discipleship: COME AFTER ME: Deny Self, Take Up Your Cross and Follow the Christ!

The Sermon on the Mount

Prologue 5:1-16

Purpose Statement (Theological) 5:17-20

Proclamation/Core Teaching 5:21-7:11

Purpose Statement (Practical) 7:12

Epilogue 7:13-27

The Sermon on the Mount

Spiritual Salt/Light

HBs Need a +R We Can't Produce

+R is Real Not Just Ritual

+R People Treat Others With Respect

Religion Can't Give +R

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Matthew 5:17-20

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2: The Content of TMUTAHES v20

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By Human Merit Systems v20

2000 BC

430 BC



45 AD

96 AD

Genesis - Malachi

Matthew - Revelation

ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

All Humans are Sinners/Die...

ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior/Alive...

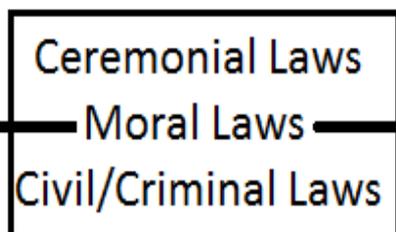
ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming!

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming Back!

The OT Law
Given to Israel



Christ is the End
of the Law

The OT Law
A Tutor to Lead Us to Christ

BEFORE The Dead Sea Scrolls*
The Earliest HEBREW MSS of Isaiah
= 1000 AD

AFTER the Dead Sea Scrolls
The Earliest HEBREW MSS of Isaiah
= 150 BC

***Not Counting Translations/Citations**

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Salvation

Not Something We Achieve

But

Something We Must Receive

Salvation is Not Based on What
We Do for Christ

Salvation is Based on What
Christ Has Done for Us

Who Gets The Credit
for Your Salvation?

Who/What
Are You Trusting In?

Who/What Are You Trusting In?

1: Your Merit ALONE?

(Too) Many Americans...My Friend

2: Christ (%) PLUS Your Merit (%)?

Mormonism.....Liberal Christianity

3: Christ (100%) ALONE

If +R by Our Goodness-Christ Died Needlessly

Nothing in my hands I bring, only to...

The Big Three

The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5-7

How Jesus Distinguishes +R from Self-R

The Olivet Discourse Matthew 24-25

How Jesus Will Bring +R to Planet Earth

The Upper Room Discourse John 13-17

How Jesus Can Produce +R in Believers