

MATTHEW

Messiah Has Come



Principle

Jesus challenges his disciples to boldly follow Him into a ministry of authentic inward transformation; forsaking circumstances and depending solely on His provisions and promises.

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on **this rock** I will build my **church**, and the **gates of hell** shall not prevail against it.

“the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”

-Jesus

“Try as hard as you may, build your network of death and sin for centuries, seek your strongholds among my people...but know this Satan...I AM coming for you. I will not give in. I cannot be defeated. My church will storm your gates, and you will not be able to withstand them.”

-Jesus

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Acts 10:44-45

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word [Cornelius]. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

Embracing Jesus would lead to an offensive against the forces and strategies of Satan in the world.

Actors

They must embrace a new call on their life to engage in spiritual battle and not be “residents” of a Kingdom.

Recipients

They must see their persecution through a spiritual lens, choosing to battle against the forces behind it.

Us

We must embrace a bold, attacking mission; knowing our true enemy and fighting for those enslaved by them.

Matthew 16:21-23

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Matthew 16:24-28

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would **come after me**, let him **deny himself** and **take up his cross** and **follow me**.

²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

“Come after me”

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Embracing Jesus would require clarity of our prideful disposition and the conviction to battle against it.

Actors

They must resist their fleshly inclinations to quit or return to the old ways and pursue this “new thing”.

Recipients

They must resist their inclinations to self preservation in place of self sacrifice for the mission.

Us

We must battle every daily temptation to selfish living and pursue His mission through His methods.

Matthew 17:1-13

- “he was transfigured before them”
- “there appeared to them Moses and Elijah”
- “Lord, it is good that we are here.”
- “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”



- “Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.”
- “the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist”

Principle

Embracing Jesus requires a commitment to follow in His footsteps and continue what He began; a sacrificial life of rejecting worldly/temporary wins in favor of a warfare against Satan to redeem and empower disciplinemaking warriors for Jesus.

Next Week

Matthew 17:14-18:35