

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas
May 31, 2026 – Sent by the King: Fearless in the Face of Man

Main Passage: Matthew 10:24-33

Main Idea:

Because we belong to Christ, we must not fear the world's opposition but boldly confess Him, trusting our Father's care and His eternal reward.

1) Our Identity Is Tied to Christ – Matthew 10:24–25

- A disciple is not above his teacher.
- A servant is not above his master.
- Followers of Jesus should expect the same kind of treatment Jesus received.
- Discipleship is not just following Jesus—it is becoming like Him.
- If the world rejected Christ, it should not surprise us when it rejects His followers.

Because we belong to Christ, we will often share in His suffering.

Supporting Scriptures: John 13:13–16, 1 Peter 2:21

2) Do Not Fear When Truth Is Opposed – Matthew 10:26–27

- Jesus does not tell His followers to avoid opposition.
- He tells them not to fear it.
- Truth may be resisted now, but one day every lie will be exposed.
- What Christ teaches privately must be proclaimed publicly.
- Every believer has a platform for the Gospel.

Fear silences people, but faithful disciples proclaim the truth boldly.

Applications:

- Speak the truth without softening it. Do not hide your faith to avoid discomfort.
- Use your home, work, relationships, and influence as Gospel platforms.

3) Do Not Fear Those Who Can Harm the Body – Matthew 10:28

- Jesus acknowledges that persecution is real.
- Man may harm the body, but cannot destroy the soul.
- The believer's eternity is secure in Christ.
- Fear of God is greater than fear of man.
- Fear of man leads to compromise; fear of God leads to faithfulness.

The fear of God drives out the fear of man.

Supporting Scriptures: Proverbs 9:10, Romans 8:1, Hebrews 13:6

4) Do Not Fear — Your Father Cares for You — Matthew 10:29–31

- God’s sovereignty extends even to sparrows.
- Nothing in creation escapes His knowledge or authority.
- God knows every detail of your life.
- Believers are deeply valued by their Heavenly Father.
- Suffering does not mean abandonment.

The God who rules the universe also lovingly cares for His children.

Supporting Scriptures: Psalm 147:4, Colossians 1:17, Romans 8:31–39

5) Stand Openly and Boldly with Christ — Matthew 10:32–33

- Jesus calls for public allegiance to Him.
- Confessing Christ is more than claiming a label.
- Genuine faith is not ashamed of Jesus.
- Denying Christ reveals a deeper problem of allegiance.
- Christ promises to acknowledge His faithful followers before the Father.

Those who truly belong to Christ will openly identify with Him.

Supporting Scriptures: Romans 10:9–10, 2 Timothy 2:12, Revelation 3:5

Bottom Line

Because we belong to Christ, we must not fear the world’s opposition but boldly confess Him, trusting our Father’s care and His eternal reward.

Questions to Consider

1. Where am I tempted to stay silent about Christ?
2. Do I fear people more than I fear God?
3. Am I trusting my Father’s care in the middle of opposition?
4. Does my life openly identify with Jesus Christ?

“You won’t rise to the occasion—you’ll fall to your identity.”

“Fear of man leads to compromise; fear of God leads to faithfulness.”