

# **Don't Miss Jesus Sermon Notes**

## **April 26&27, 2025**

All scripture is NLT

**Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' 23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'**

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**Luke 6:46 "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? 47 I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. 48 It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. 49 But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."**

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**ACTS 9:Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers.<sup>[a]</sup> So he went to the high priest. 2 He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.**

**3 As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"**

**5 "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked.**

**And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! 6 Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."**

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**Matthew 15:1 Some Pharisees and teachers of religious law now arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. They asked him, 2 "Why do your disciples disobey our age-old tradition? For they ignore our tradition of ceremonial hand washing before they eat."**

**3 Jesus replied, "And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? 4 For instance, God says, 'Honor your father and mother,'<sup>[a]</sup> and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.'<sup>[b]</sup> 5 But you say it is**

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all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.' 6 In this way, you say they don't need to honor their parents.<sup>[c]</sup> And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition. 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,

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'These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

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Matthew 28:18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,<sup>[b]</sup> baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Discipleship Explained

**Usage:** The verb μαθητεύω (mathéteuó) primarily means to make someone a disciple or to instruct them in the ways of a teacher. In the New Testament, it is used to describe the process of teaching and guiding individuals to become followers of Jesus Christ. This involves not only imparting knowledge but also shaping the character and life of the learner to align with the teachings of Christ.

**Cultural and Historical Background:** In the Greco-Roman world, discipleship was a common practice where students would attach themselves to a teacher to learn philosophy, rhetoric, or other disciplines. In the Jewish context, discipleship involved a close relationship between a rabbi and his students, where the students would learn the Torah and the rabbi's interpretation of it. Jesus adopted this model, calling His followers to be His disciples, learning from Him and living according to His teachings.

-Strong's Lexicon

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Essentially a Disciple orients their life around 3 main goals.

1. Be with/close to their teacher.

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- 2. Become Like their teacher**
- 3. Do what their teacher does**

**Therefore a Disciple of Jesus orients their life around these Goals, with Jesus as the teacher, and they as the student, and this is discipleship.**

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**Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."**

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**"You must put both these commandments together before you get Christ's will for His children completely expressed. There are some of you who think that Christianity is only a means by which you may escape the penalty of your sins; and you are ready enough, or fancy yourselves so, to listen when He says, 'Come to Me that you may be pardoned,' but you are not so ready to listen to what He says afterwards, when He calls upon you to take His yoke upon you, to obey Him, to serve Him, and above all to copy Him."**

**-Alexander MacLaren**

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**I could lay my fingers upon many men, professing Christians-I do not say whether in this church or in other churches-whose whole life shows that they do not understand that Jesus Christ has a twofold summons to His servants; and that it is of no avail once, long ago, to have come, or to think that you have come, to Him to get pardon, unless day by day you are keeping beside Him, doing His commandments, and copying His sweet and blessed example.**

**-Alexander MacLaren**

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**John 4:19 "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. 20 So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim,<sup>[c]</sup> where our ancestors worshiped?"**

**21 Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. 23 But the time is coming—indeed it's here**

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now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. 24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

**Matthew 6:5** “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

**John 17:14** I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to this world any more than I do. 17 Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. 18 Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. 19 And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth

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**John 14:23** Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. 24 Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. 25 I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. 26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

**John 16:13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future

**Rest**

**John 14: 27** “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

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### **Bottom Line- Key Points**

- 1. We avoid missing Jesus by obeying His teachings and building our life on them and becoming his lifelong Disciple.**

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2. A Disciple of Jesus is someone who structures their life around 3 main goals.  
Be with Jesus. Become like Jesus. Do what Jesus does.
3. Nothing can/should ever come before our relationship with The Lord.
4. It is possible to work for God, and Miss Him entirely if we aren't careful about how we structure our life and spend our time. .