

What Jesus Said

15. Matthew 10:34-42

The Prince of Peace comes to bring Division

The Lesson continues Jesus's instruction to his Disciples. A change of tone brings new meaning to his Ministry

The Scripture:

Matthew 10:34 - "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

10:35 - For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law

10:36 - a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

10:37 - "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

10:8 - Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

10:39 - Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

10:40 - "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

10:41 - Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

10:42 - And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

The Explanation:

Jesus is explaining to his Disciples that His way – well it's going to cause some rumples! He was not here to condone the past mistakes, the evils, he would be trampling on some important toes and traditions and people would not be thanking him for it! He's not asking people to love their loved ones less, but to love Him more – for He is the way forward. He ends by talking about kindnesses being rewarded – because such kindnesses are through Him.

Places and People Mentioned:

The Disciples

Jesus had twelve Disciples (also referred to as 'The Apostles), they are: 1. **Simon**, who is called **Peter**, 2. **Andrew** his brother, 3. **James** the son of **Zebedee**, 4. **John** his brother, 5. **Philip**, 6. **Bartholomew**, 7. **Thomas**, 8. **Matthew** the tax collector, 9. **James** the son of Alphaeus, 10. **Thaddaeus**, also known as Judas son of James or Judas the Good), 11. **Simon** the Zealot and 12. **Judas** Iscariot.

Questions:

1. What do you think when Jesus says he has come **"not to bring peace, but with a sword?"**
2. What does Jesus mean when he states he will turn family members against family members – why do think this is?
3. The passage found at Matthew 10:39:- **"Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."** Is very strong sounding – Do you think Jesus is talking of death?
4. Who is **'the One who sent me'**?
5. When Jesus talks about the cup of water, what do you think he is saying?