

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 88. Take Up Your Cross – Matthew 16:21-28

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We talked last week about the importance of knowing Jesus- His Person and His Work. This week we answer the question, “What does it mean to follow Jesus?”

- I. From Confession to Confusion – vs. 21-23
 - A. Jesus Mission was Not a Secret – Matt. 17:22-23; 20:18-19; 26:2, 12, 21, 31-32
 - 1. He would suffer
 - 2. He would be killed
 - 3. He would be raised the third day
 - B. Peter Rebukes Jesus
 - 1. Peter could see nothing in the Lord’s death but ruin. – CHSpurgeon
 - 2. “Never, Lord! This will not happen to You” – Peter
 - a. Peter moves from being a dear friend to a dire foe
 - b. “A man may know what only the Father can reveal, and yet he may not savour the things that be of God.” – CHSpurgeon
 - 3. “The problem was not their understanding of the words. The problem was that suffering did not fit into their ideas of what the Messiah should do.” – JBoice
 - C. Jesus Rebukes Satan
 - 1. “Get behind Me, Satan!”
 - 2. Peter’s rebuke was a stumbling block – a temptation to avoid death – Matt. 4:9-10
 - 3. Peter’s rebuke was absent any mindfulness to the things of God
 - 4. Peter’s rebuke was man’s way of thinking and accomplishing God’s will (“I know better”)
 - D. Application
 - 1. There is no Christianity without the Cross – 1 Thess. 5:9-10
 - 2. We can be absolutely right one minute and completely wrong the next – 1 Peter 2:24
 - 3. We have to go to the cross too (vs. 24) – Gal. 2:20
- II. Follow Me – vs. 24-28
 - A. If Anyone Desires to Come After Me
 - 1. Where? See vs. 21
 - 2. Desires – a decision of the will, the want to
 - 3. This is a life of discipleship – Boice Quote #1
 - B. The Path of Discipleship – Psa. 119:105, 112
 - 1. Deny Yourself – NO TO SELF - self-denial, disown, repudiate, refuse to acknowledge, to not put your own interests first – Isa. 14:12-15 vs. Phil. 2:5-11
 - 2. Take Up Your Cross – YES TO GOD
 - a. Death to self, the flesh and its desires, death to “me,” “my,” and “mine”
 - b. Living to serve others – Rom. 12:1-2; Matt. 25:31-40
 - 3. Follow Me – accompany Me, come with Me – John 10:27
 - a. Submit to Me
 - b. Learn from Me
 - c. Obey Me

C. For – Rational Behind Following

1. Doing so means salvation, not doing so means death and condemnation
2. What is the value of your soul?
3. The world will one day be gone, you will go on forever
4. The Son of Man is Coming Back with His reward
5. Here a cross, there a crown

D. Coming Into His Kingdom

1. Son of Man will Come in the Glory of His Father
2. Some of the disciples will see Him in this glory – Transfigured – Matt. 17:1-2
 - a. Some (3), will live to see
 - b. None of the other disciples saw it before they died
 - c. Coming in His Kingdom – the manifestation of His royal splendor = glory of the Father

Quotes

Boice #1 – “For many of today’s supposed Christians – perhaps the majority – it is the case that while there is much talk about Christ and even much furious activity that is supposed to be done in His name, there is actually very little following of Christ Himself. Many who call Him, ‘Lord, Lord’ are not Christians.”

Cross References

Matthew 17:22-23

22 Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Matthew 20:18-19

18 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, 19 and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”

Matthew 26:2

2 “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

Matthew 26:12

12 For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

Matthew 26:21

21 Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”

Matthew 26:31-32

31 Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ 32 But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”

Matthew 4:9-10

9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

1 Peter 2:24

24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Psalms 119:105

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:112

112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end.

Isaiah 14:12-15

12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 12:1-2

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Matthew 25:31-40

31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

John 10:27

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Matthew 17:1-2

17 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.