

REDISCOVERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 23: MATTHEW 12:38-50

QUICK REVIEW

LAST WEEK:	JESUS AND BEELZEBUB
	BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE SPIRIT
	A TREE AND ITS FRUIT
TONIGHT:	FINISHING UP CHAPTER 12
DECEMBER 20:	CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 21 & 28:	NO GROUP.

JANUARY 4: EXODUS IS BACK.

LAST WEEK: MATTHEW CHAPTER 12:34-37

FOR OUT OF THE OVERFLOW OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKS. THE GOOD MAN BRINGS GOOD THINGS OUT OF THE GOOD STORED UP IN HIM, AND THE EVIL MAN BRINGS EVIL THINGS OUT OF THE EVIL STORED UP IN HIM.

BUT I TELL YOU THAT MEN WILL HAVE TO GIVE ACCOUNT ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT FOR EVERY CARELESS WORD THEY HAVE SPOKEN.

FOR BY YOUR WORDS YOU WILL BE ACQUITTED, AND BY YOUR WORDS YOU WILL BE CONDEMNED."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 12:38-42

THEN SOME OF THE PHARISEES AND TEACHERS OF THE LAW SAID TO HIM, "TEACHER, WE WANT TO SEE A MIRACULOUS SIGN FROM YOU."

HE ANSWERED, "A WICKED AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION ASKS FOR A MIRACULOUS SIGN! BUT NONE WILL BE GIVEN IT EXCEPT THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH.

FOR AS JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF A HUGE FISH, SO THE SON OF MAN WILL BE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH.

THE MEN OF NINEVEH WILL STAND UP AT THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN IT; FOR THEY REPENTED AT THE PREACHING OF JONAH, AND NOW ONE GREATER THAN JONAH IS HERE. THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH WILL RISE AT THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN IT; FOR SHE CAME FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH TO LISTEN TO SOLOMON'S WISDOM, AND NOW ONE GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 11:16-18

"TO WHAT CAN I COMPARE THIS GENERATION? THEY ARE LIKE CHILDREN SITTING IN THE MARKETPLACES AND CALLING OUT TO OTHERS:

> "WE PLAYED THE FLUTE FOR YOU, AND YOU DID NOT DANCE; WE SANG A DIRGE AND YOU DID NOT MOURN."

FOR JOHN CAME NEITHER EATING NOR DRINKING, AND THEY SAY, 'HE HAS A DEMON.' THE SON OF MAN CAME EATING AND DRINKING, AND THEY SAY, 'HERE IS A GLUTTON AND A DRUNKARD, A FRIEND OF TAX COLLECTORS AND ''SINNERS.'' 'BUT WISDOM IS PROVED RIGHT BY HER ACTIONS.''

MATTHEW CHAPTER 12:43-45

"WHEN AN EVIL SPIRIT COMES OUT OF A MAN, IT GOES THROUGH ARID PLACES SEEKING REST AND DOES NOT FIND IT.

THEN IT SAYS, 'I WILL RETURN TO THE HOUSE I LEFT.' WHEN IT ARRIVES, IT FINDS THE HOUSE UNOCCUPIED, SWEPT CLEAN AND PUT IN ORDER.

THEN IT GOES AND TAKES WITH IT SEVEN OTHER SPIRITS MORE WICKED THAN ITSELF, AND THEY GO IN AND LIVE THERE. AND THE FINAL CONDITION OF THAT MAN IS WORSE THAN THE FIRST. THAT IS HOW IT WILL BE WITH THIS WICKED GENERATION."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 12:46-50

"WHILE JESUS WAS STILL TALKING TO THE CROWD, HIS MOTHER AND BROTHERS STOOD OUTSIDE, WANTING TO SPEAK TO HIM. SOMEONE TOLD HIM, "YOUR MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARE STANDING OUTSIDE, WANTING TO SPEAK TO YOU."

HE REPLIED TO HIM, "WHO IS MY MOTHER, AND WHO ARE MY BROTHERS?" POINTING TO HIS DISCIPLES, HE SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS. FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER."

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