



Matthew Chapter 20b

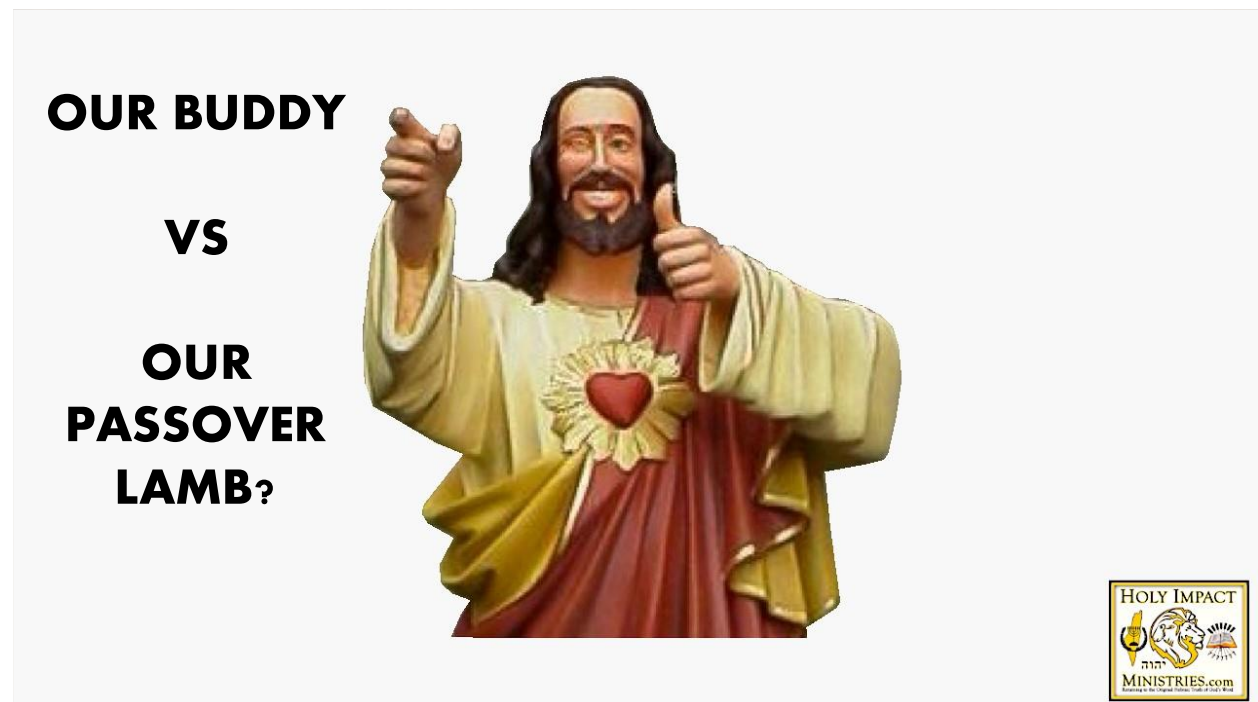
Realities of Dualities

Last week during our study into the book of Matthew we touched on several key elements of the book of Matthew that are extremely important to grasp. And one of those key elements is exactly who our Messiah is and who our Messiah is not.

Of all the things that the book of Matthew teaches us... the most important concept of the book of Matthew has to do with exactly who our Messiah is and just as importantly who our Messiah is not. And last week I think we covered that fairly well and we have certainly covered that in previous studies time and time again and so we won't go back into that here this morning other than to say that if you do not know that Yeshua is the Son of David, the Son of Abraham who sits on the throne of David at the right hand of his Father... then you need to go back and read your Bible from the beginning of the book and not just from the middle of the book. And you can also visit us at our website at HolyImpactMinistries.com and navigate to our "Bible topics" page where we take you by the hand and walk you through the Bible from the beginning of the book to the end of the book introducing you to your Messiah who is indeed first introduced to us not in the New Testament but in the Old Testament.

And so, before we get started here this morning I just want to once again emphasize the importance of knowing and understanding exactly who your Messiah is and just as importantly, who your Messiah is not.

One of the very first commandments of our Father's testimony is that we shall have no other gods before him. If we are worshiping someone who is teaching something opposite of what his only begotten Son came to teach, we then are in great danger of creating for ourselves another pagan god other than the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And this my friends is certainly not advisable. (**scrn 1**)



It is imperative that the God that we worship is indeed the God of the Bible. And that the Messiah... the King... the descendent of David that he sent to rule over us is also worshiped properly and not replaced with some imaginary façade that we have created for ourselves. (**scrn 2 show**)

Rev 22:16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”



The human King that Yehovah God has delivered to us has indeed been set over us as a King. And this King who has been given authority over Yehovah’s people should be worshiped and honored as our King and not as our best buddy. **(scrn 3 show)**

Jer 33:17 “For thus says the LORD:
David shall never lack a man to sit on
the throne of the house of Israel,



The Messiah whose red-letter words we are reading from here this morning is that man who sits upon the throne of David over the house of Israel that we are grafted into. And it is tectonically important that we understand who he is because if we are found guilty of worshiping a false god who is the exact opposite of the human man that God sent to sit upon the throne of David and to rule over the house of Israel that we have been grafted into... we will indeed be guilty of worshiping another pagan god. Which puts us at odds with the one true Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **(scrn 4 show)**

Gen 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.



It was written from the beginning that the scepter would not depart from Judah nor the ruler's staff from between his feet. It is because our Messiah is the descendent of David who was a Jew who came from the tribe of Judah that our Messiah is qualified to possess the ruler's staff that will not depart from between his feet. It is because our Messiah is a Hebrew Jew who came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah that he is qualified to be our Messiah according to... the Old Testament which does still stand to this very day. (scrn 5 show)

Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.


Luk 16:17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.




Not says I... but says our very own Messiah who tells us very clearly that it is impossible for one letter of the law to become void until heaven and earth pass away which does not happen until the end of the age clear at the back of the book in Revelation chapter 21. And he not only tells us this once... but twice!

Today in our time we are indeed living at the end of the age. And we were told ages ago that when the devil was thrown down to earth and he knew that his time was short, that he would become enraged. And I would submit to you that our adversary is indeed enraged because he does know that his time is short... he is doing all that he can do to deceive if possible... even the very elect! And I would submit to you that he has indeed fooled those who we think... are elect... but are not.
(scrn 6 show)



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- The god of once saved always saved



The church today by and large has created for itself its own version of a god that has been created through the auspices of nothing more than pagan traditions and the philosophies of men and their charters of men. They have created for themselves a god who knows nothing other than a version of love that man has created for himself, a god who is their best buddy, a god who knows no justice, knows nothing of sin, knows no law, knows no wrath, a god who knows no feast days, no seventh-day Sabbath, a god whose mantra is “do as thou wilt is the whole of the law”, a god who has created a once saved always saved brand of salvation that suits the itching ears of those who no longer want to be bothered with the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

But the God of heaven and earth knows what man has done. The God of heaven and earth knows who his true people are and who his true people are not. And this is exactly why I am glad that you are with us this very day. Because it is on this very day that we will again shout from the rooftops the differences between the one true Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... and the false little G God that has been originally created through the auspices of Roman Catholicism and her

daughter protestant churches who no longer protest against anything.

As we read through Matthew chapter 20 of the New Testament here this morning, we are going to be reading some very special words. Some red-letter words. Some words that were spoken directly from the very mouth the very tongue and the very breath of our Messiah who is once again just as Matthew tells us the Son of David... the Son of Abraham. And as we read these red-letter words I would like for us to pay close attention to what it is that our Messiah is revealing to us here in this chapter.

Matthew chapter 20 is literally leading up to the premeditated murder of an innocent man. Matthew chapter 20 is leading up to what true salvation is all about. Matthew chapter 20 is leading up to who our Messiah truly was, is, and always will be, and it is also leading up to our imminent future.

And therefore, as we continue to read through Matthew chapter 20 I want us to always be thinking ahead. But not only ahead. But I would also like us to also be thinking behind. Because if we are not thinking about what we have already read in the Old Testament concerning our Messiah... as well as what we know that he is about to do in the future... we are not going to be able to receive the message that is being given here today in its entirety.

Keeping all of this in mind, now that we know beyond a shadow of a doubt who our Messiah is, was, and always will be... I'd like to dive into Matthew chapter 20 verses 17 through 34. And I would like for us to hear from our very own Messiah what he says is going to happen to him. And so, without any further ado, let's open our books this morning to **Matthew chapter 20 verses 17 through 34 E1**

Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

Mat 20:17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them,

Mat 20:18 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death

Mat 20:19 and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

A Mother's Request

Mat 20:20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.

Mat 20:21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."

Mat 20:22 Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able."

Mat 20:23 He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

Mat 20:24 And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.

Mat 20:25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

Mat 20:26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

Mat 20:27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,

Mat 20:28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

Mat 20:29 And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him.

Mat 20:30 And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

Mat 20:31 The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

Mat 20:32 And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Mat 20:33 They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened."

Mat 20:34 And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

Here in Matthew chapter 20, there's a lot of information being delivered to us but one of the most important pieces of information that is being delivered to us is how many times our Messiah had already told his apostles that he was going to die. And not only that he was going to die, but how he was going to die.

We're up to the 20th chapter of the book of Matthew and already our Messiah has told his apostles not only how he was going to die, but by whose hand he was going to die. Let's take a look at exactly what our Messiah foretold his apostles about his death before it ever even took place. (scrn 7) (scrn 8) (scrn 9)

Yeshua Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Mat 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.



Yeshua Again Foretells Death, Resurrection

Mat 17:22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “**The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men,**

Mat 17:23 **and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.**” And they were greatly distressed.



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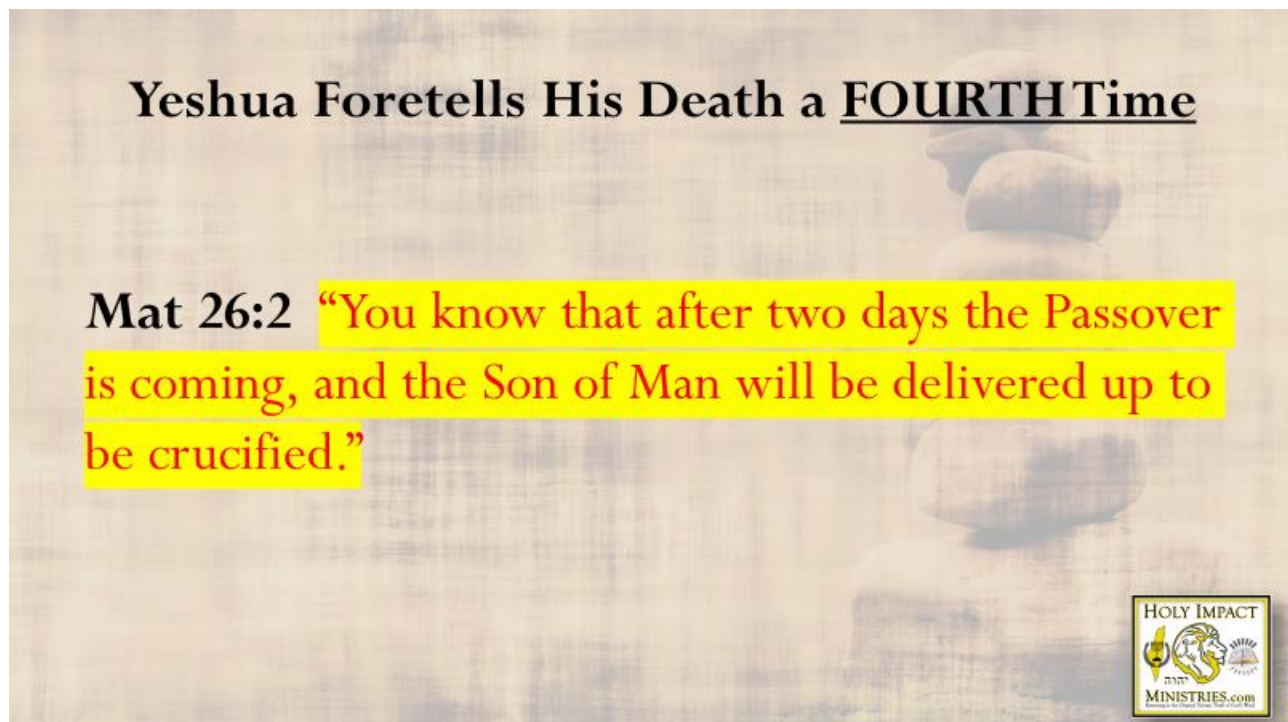


And so here we have our Messiah prophesying to his apostles about his death at least three different times that we know of according to Matthew. And according to the information given to us during these three prophecies we already know that our Messiah had prophesied that

his crucifixion was going to be in Jerusalem number one... and that number two... he would suffer many things from the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and ultimately be murdered because of them, and number three... that he would be raised on the third day.

We also know that our Messiah prophesied beforehand that he would be delivered to the Gentiles and mocked and flogged and crucified. But... there's more.

These are not the only three times that our Messiah prophesied about his death. There is one more time that our Messiah prophesied about his death that can be found in **Matthew chapter 26 verse two (scrn 10)**



One of the most revealing prophecies of our Messiah can be found right here in Matthew chapter 26 verse two. A prophecy that the church today completely ignores. A prophecy that the church today has no concept of. A prophecy that today's modern-day version of Christianity has thrown to the ground and traded for a lie.


Right here in Matthew chapter 26 verse two, our very own Messiah tells us that he is going to be crucified on Passover day. Right here in Matthew chapter 26 verse two, we are given the exact date of the crucifixion of our Messiah by our Messiah. And yet... what is the church today say? The church today says that our Messiah was crucified on the Roman Catholic created Good Friday every year. Why? Because that's what her god says. **(Blasphemies Vid)**

Our Messiah says, "The Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified". But the church says "No!"... their false pagan god was crucified on a Roman Catholic created Good Friday every year.

Now, why would they do that? Why would they blatantly lie to all who would listen to the lie? Why would they fabricate a false Friday crucifixion every year instead of keeping the true anniversary of the death of our Messiah on Passover day in his remembrance?


The reason that the church today wants you to celebrate a Roman Catholic created "Good Friday" and not Passover day is because they are not honoring the Passover lamb. That's not who they honor on "Good Friday" or "Easter" morning. That's not who they honor on their so-called first day of the week "Sunday Sabbath" commanded by no one anywhere within the confines of the 66 books of your Bible.

The devil has indeed constructed for himself his own church. The devil has indeed constructed for himself his own version of Christianity. The devil has even stolen the very title of Christianity... and he has concocted for the world a façade... a look-alike... an image of a god who is really no god at all. **(scrn 11)**



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The devil himself has created this false church in order to create an image for a false god... and I would submit to you a pagan god at that... that simply does not exist.

There is no other god that only knows love and nothing else. There is no other god that is our best buddy. There is no other god that does not know justice. There is no other god who does not know sin. There is no other god who has no law. There is no other god who knows no wrath. There is no other god who has no feast days. There is no other god who has a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath. There is no other god who teaches do as thou wilt is the whole of the law. There is no god who teaches a once saved always saved doctrine of demons. At least... no other god before the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

There is no other god who has come to create his own sabbaths for himself. There is no other god who has come to celebrate his own birthday. There is no other god who has come to replace the god of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and make it all about himself. This god that they speak of is no god at all. This god that they teach of and this god

that they preach of is a god of smoke and mirrors. Of god that has been concocted by the devil himself in order to fool if possible, even the very elect. And this false god... this myth of a god... this concocted creation of the devil himself and the devil's children is nothing more than the god of the dead.

As we move forward in our studies here in the book of Matthew, we are very soon going to come to Matthew chapter 23 where we will very soon see our Messiah chastising the pastors and the priests of his time who were standing behind the pulpits of his time. And when we get to Matthew chapter 23 were going to see our Messiah calling the pastors and the priests of his time who were standing behind the pulpits of his time twofold children of hell. And why?

Because they too had created for themselves their own god. They too had added to God's word and taken away from God's word creating for themselves their own god. Another god who had said things that the God of Israel did not say. Another god who had commanded things that the God of Israel did not command. Another god that was created by men to usurp the authority and the glory and the power and the majesty of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And it was for this very reason that our Messiah pointed to the pastors and the priests of his time who were standing behind the pulpits of his time and called them and I quote, "twofold children of hell".

Do you see why it's so important to read the first half of your Bible? Do you see why it's so important not to listen to wolves who dress themselves up in sheep's clothing? Do you see why it is so important to know your Bible intimately and personally? Do you see why it is so important to ask for the discernment that only God can give? (**scrn 12 show**)

Rev 2:1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

Rev 2:2 “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil,

but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.



Our Messiah praised the assembly in Ephesus for testing those who call themselves apostles and were not and for finding them to be false. Our Messiah praised the assembly at Ephesus for knowing the difference between a false apostle and a true apostle. And how did the assembly at Ephesus know the difference between a false apostle and a true apostle? They knew the difference between a false apostle and a true apostle by reading the God-breathed Scripture that the apostle Paul told them was God-breathed. They knew the difference between a false apostle and a true apostle because they had read the Old Testament writings of Yehovah the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and they knew who the king was that he had set in Zion because they had believed in the Son of David the Son of Abraham just as the Torah, the writings of the prophets and the Psalms had told them. (scrn 13 show)

Rev 2:8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

Rev 2:9 “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.



And here in the second chapter of the book of Revelation our Messiah once again praises the assembly at Smyrna for knowing the difference between those who say that they are Jews and are not but are of the synagogue of Satan. And I want us to stop right here for just a moment and think about what it is that our Messiah is praising the assembly at Smyrna for.

We must remember... we **must** remember... that it was the pastors and the priests that were standing behind the pulpits of our Messiah’s time who were his arch-enemy claiming to be Jews... and yet... were of the synagogue of Satan. And why? Because they had rejected the only begotten Son of God the Son of David the Son of Abraham. They had created for themselves a false pagan god. A false god that said things that the God of Israel did not say. A false god that commanded things that the God of Israel did not command. A false god that was created by the devil himself in order to usurp the authority and the glory and the majesty of the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Do you see how this comes full circle? Do you see the war that we are

engaged in here today in our time? Do you see the reality of duality here? Are you able to comprehend the messaging that we are being given here in the New Testament and why? The New Testament and the challenges that our Messiah went through back in his day are nothing short of a mirror image of the challenges that we are facing today in our time. And the enemies of his time, are once again the enemies of our time.

Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!... And smell the coffee. Open your eyes, unplug your ears. Sound the alarms, blow the trumpets, begin a fast, repent, repent, and turn from the wickedness of the world and her pagan gods and come back... to the truth that is staring you in the face. The truth that is calling to you, the truth that is beckoning you, the truth that is plain and clear for all to see who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. Wake up and stand for what is right. Wake up and shout the truth from the rooftops. Wake up and get into the fight. Stand against the wickedness of the world and the false gods that she worships. Stop holding hands and singing Kumbaya with the enemy! Stop assimilating yourself with the world! Stop allowing the leavening of your assemblies! Cast the wicked from among you! Touch not the unclean thing! Tear down the idols! Make straight your paths and wash yourselves that you may be made clean by evening!

It's time to get serious. It's time to stop playing. It's time to stop tiptoeing through the tulips. It's time to kick some tables over in the temples of God's people. And it's time to put the sword of God to work. The battle has begun. And our slumber has been of no service to our God. Our apathy has not served us well nor has it served our children well. It is written that the times of ignorance God has overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by **a man** whom he has appointed, and of this, he has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead!

How can we read these red-letter words without being stirred? How can

we read these red-letter words without being set on fire? How can we read these red-letter words without the very foundations of our beings trembling with fear of the coming of the lion of Judah who is soon bringing the armies of heaven to fulfill the wrath of God?

These red-letter words that foretold the death burial and resurrection of our Passover lamb before it ever even happened! These red-letter words that foretold of the deception of the pastors and the priests of the world! These red-letter words that warned us of the deception that was to come! These red-letter words that the church today has thrown to the ground and twisted to their own destruction as they do the other scriptures just as the apostle Peter warned us that these lawless people would do!

How can we teach what is written in the book of Matthew without identifying in detail the Son of David the Son of Abraham? How can we teach what is written in the book of Matthew without identifying the anniversary of the death of our Passover lamb who is Yeshua Hamashiach? How can we teach what is written in the book of Matthew without zeal for the word of God? How can we teach what is written in the book of Matthew and the red-letter words of our Messiah that Matthew has recorded for us without clearly identifying the gospel message of the one true Son of David Son of Abraham who came to write the law of God across the hearts and the minds of his Father's people? How can we teach what is written in the book of Matthew without teaching what the new covenant is according to Jeremiah chapter 31 of the Old Testament and Hebrews chapter 10 of the New Testament? How can we teach what is written in the book of Matthew without teaching what the new covenant even is according to the Elohim of the heavens and the earth?

These are more than just red-letter words. They are more than words on a page. They are more than words to be manipulated and mixed and mingled. They are more than words to be ignored or scoffed at.

Our Messiah, our King, our Passover lamb, the First Fruit of the

resurrection has done more than to simply bring a wicked world a free ticket to gain entrance into the kingdom of heaven. Our Messiah came to offer an opportunity to those who would accept not only the mercy and the grace of his Father in heaven... but who would also reciprocate that mercy and that grace through willful and intentional obedience.

It is written that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome. And this is something else that the church today has by in large thrown to the ground.

For the church today obedience is nothing but a byword. Salvation has nothing to do with obedience as far as the church today is concerned. Once again... their false god does not require obedience. Their false god has done away with the word of the God of Israel. Today pastors no longer teach the difference between the clean and the unclean. They no longer teach the importance of sacrifice or offerings to those in need or the importance of the sign of the seventh-day Sabbath or the appointments of God that he himself has ordained and established from the beginning of time. The church today has become a byproduct of a deception that has become so strong... that it does indeed fool if possible, even the very elect.

As we read down through Matthew chapter 20, we read about the mother of the sons of Zebedee. And we read about her request that our Messiah would allow her two sons to sit at his right hand and at his left in his kingdom. And although there is no doubt that the love of this woman greatly humbled our Messiah, he humbly rejected her request because he tells her very clearly that he who sits at his right hand and at his left hand in his kingdom is not his decision to make. But that this is for those for whom it has been prepared by his Father.

But what does the church say?

The Church today preaches that their false god is God and that he

answers to no one. The church today preaches a false god that has come to create his own sabbaths and his own festivals and his own appointments and to celebrate his own birthday and to utterly erase the first half of the Bible along with the God of the Old Testament. And one church, in particular, preaches a false god that sits on a golden throne here on this earth claiming himself to be God. A God who proclaims himself high and far above all other gods and anything that is worshiped. **(play Blesphemy Video)**

A false pagan god who has thought to change the times and the laws of the one true Most High God of Israel. A false pagan God who has infiltrated today's protestant churches who no longer protest against anything and has taught her daughter protestant churches to follow after her pagan god that she calls "Pope"... And to follow after her first day of the week Sunday Sabbath, and her Good Friday, and her Easter Sunday morning, and her All-Saints Day when she prays to the dead and indulges in her necromancy and sorcery. And her daughter protestant churches follow after their mother church of Rome all the while proclaiming not to be of Rome. And yet I would submit to you that this is exactly why it is written that we would not know them by what they say... but by their fruits.

Our Messiah tells us that whoever would be great among us must be our servant and whoever would be first among us must be our slave even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom not for a wicked world... but for those who would repent and turn back to his Father.

When our Messiah died, he died for the world. But it is clearly written that the world would indeed reject him. And it will indeed be the little g god of this world that comes against him to oppose him in the end. And it will indeed be this world that is burned to the ground with fire and destroyed in utter destruction. At which time a new heaven and a new earth will be created. And a new Jerusalem will be brought down, and a new beginning will be brought forth. And Yehovah will indeed make all

things new.

In Matthew chapter 20 verses 29 through 34 our Messiah is found having pity on two blind men who cry out to him asking him to restore their vision. And our Messiah does this for them because he has pity on them. And I would once again submit to you that this is nothing more than a spiritual lesson that needs to be discerned.

How many people's eyes do you suppose have been opened during this study here this morning? How many people's eyes do you suppose will be opened by reading Matthew chapter 20?

You see, our Messiah came to give a blind world its site back. Our Messiah came to give sight to the blind and to lead those who are in darkness into the light. And even though he came to restore the site of a blind world and to lead a dark world back into the light... how much of the world do you suppose will turn? How much of the world do you suppose will use the site that they have been given to repent? How much of the world do you suppose will take advantage of this second chance that we have all been given?

It is written... that strait is the gate and narrow is the path and few there be that find it. And it is also written that many are called but only few are chosen.

Today as we look out across the horizon it should become evidently clear to us that there will only be few who will find that path. It should already be evidently clear to us that even though many are indeed called... only few will be chosen because only few will choose to reciprocate the love that is being extended to them.

Take a look at our society today. Take a look at our cultures around the world. Take a look at what men are worshiping. Take a look at how many American idols that there are. Take a look at the selfies that are being posted around the world. Take a look at the fleshly desires that

literally consume the lawless where they stand. Take a look at our children and what they are becoming. Take a look at what they have stamped on their foreheads and what they are worshiping with their hands. Take a look. Take a good long hard look.

And yet... It is written that the descendants of Abraham will be more than the stars of the sky and more even than the sands of the sea. Throughout the generations of mankind from the beginning of Adam and Eve, there has indeed been a remnant saved. A remnant who has chosen wisely. A remnant who clings to the truth. A remnant that is able to distinguish between those who say that they are disciples and those who are not. A remnant that is able to distinguish between those who say that they are Jews and those who are not. A remnant who understands the biblical definition of the love of God. A remnant who remembers the anniversary of the death, burial, and resurrection of their Passover lamb. A remnant who continues to keep the appointments of the one true most high Elohim of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

What our Messiah offered the world over 2000 years ago was an opportunity. It was an olive branch from Yehovah the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. An olive branch that was extended to those who would repent, those who would turn, those who would come back and return to him. And that opportunity still exists to this very day.

As a pastor, I cannot call you down to the front of the aisle and save you. That is nothing more than another vanity-filled empty promise that comes from the church and those who want nothing more than to usurp the authority of our Messiah who is the only one who can save anyone.

As a pastor, I have no power to wave my hand over you and pronounce you as "saved". I have no authority to take credit for saving you. I have no power to say a prayer over you and save you because of my righteousness. I have no power to lead your life for you. I have no power to make decisions for you. I have no power to bind you to an everlasting commitment and force you to keep it. There is only one man who saves.

There is only one man who has been given the authority to judge. There is only one man who has been given the power to call and to choose. And that man is indeed the Son of David the Son of Abraham... the only begotten... Son of God. It is he who calls, and it is he who chooses. It is he who judges. It is he who elects and divides and is he who separates. And it will be him who says who is saved and who is not saved. And it will be he who will in the end separate the sheep from the goats. It will be he who reaps the earth and brings in the new harvest... not a pastor, not a rabbi, not the Pope, not a bishop, not a president or prime minister.

I am but a man just like you. And just like you I needed to make that lifelong commitment. I needed to repent. And to this very day, I still need to fight the good fight. I still need to endure, and I still need to conquer. And to this very day, I need to hold fast to the same hope that you have been given.

We are in this boat together you and I. My hope and my prayer this day is that we will join forces on the same side of this spiritual warfare. My hope and my prayer this day is that our Messiah has healed your vision. My hope and my prayer is that our Messiah through these red-letter words spoken by him has led you out of the darkness and into his marvelous light. My hope and my prayer is that you and I will indeed walk through the gates of his soon-coming kingdom together.

But until that time comes, I will pause here for now and I will once again ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, there is no doubt in my mind that you and I will indeed walk together through the gates of his soon coming kingdom.