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## **Matthew Chapter 27c**

### **A Servant Is Not Greater Than His Master**

Once again before we get started here this morning, I'd liked to welcome everybody to the continuation of our study into Matthew chapter 27 this morning as we examine some very difficult Scripture to digest.

During our study last week into the 27<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew we once again took the time to examine exactly who our Messiah was, is, and always will be. And we took the time to expound upon exactly what it was that brought him to this point in time that we will be reading about here this morning.

The humiliation, and the pain both physically and mentally that our Messiah was forced to endure is difficult to imagine. It's difficult to even fathom. All of this mockery and pain and suffering that he endured he endured alone and with no one to comfort him, no one to console him, and no one to even cheer him across the finish line. There was no one to root for him as he ran this race. Even Peter who vowed to fight for him even unto death denied him three different times, and the rest of his Apostles scatted once the shepherd had been struck. And as he crossed the finish line the cold and lonely darkness of death was waiting for him and the cold and barren tomb of a rich man welcomed him as a large stone was rolled in front of the doorway and darkness consumed his lifeless body.

And as he fulfilled the song of his father David in Psalm chapter 22 by

crying out “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani... My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?...” He took his last breath and the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom and the earth quaked, and the rocks were sheared, and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep arose, and coming out of the tomb after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

These are all Scripture that we will read within the confines of Matthew chapter 27. But before we do, I would like for us to prepare ourselves for what it is that we are about to read. Because what we are about to read is no fable. What we are about to read is not just a story. What we are about to read is not a myth or a fairytale. What we are about to read in Matthew chapter 27 is documented historical fact. What we are about to read in Matthew chapter 27 is part of what the apostle Paul calls God breathed.

And therefore, as we read down through Matthew chapter 27 let us read these Scriptures with reverence. Let us read these Scriptures with the understanding of the truth that is the word of Yehovah God that our Messiah became in the flesh. And let us reflect on what our Messiah said when he told us this in **John chapter 15 verses 18 through 21 (scrn 1)**

## The Hatred of the World

**Joh 15:18** If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

**Joh 15:19** If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

**Joh 15:20** Remember the word that I said to you, The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they have kept My saying, they will also keep yours.

**Joh 15:21** But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

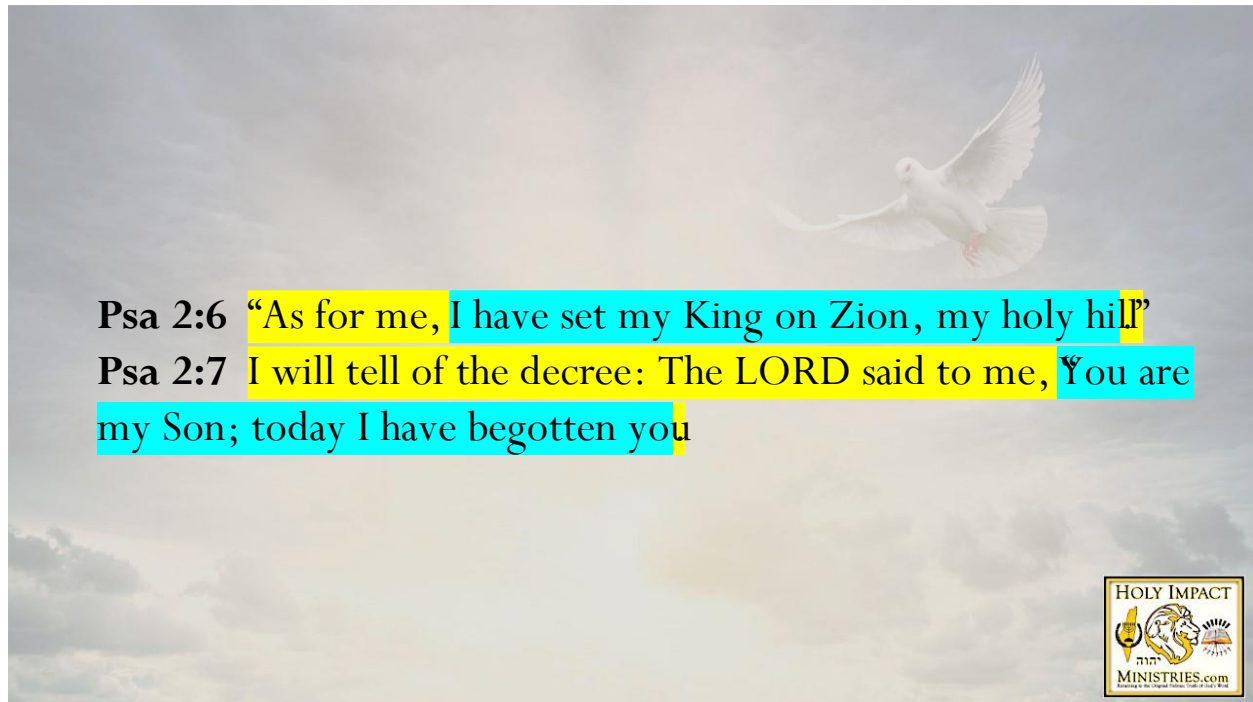


Today in our time a new catchphrase is making its way around the world. And that catchphrase is “Christian nationalism”. And those who are perpetuating this newfound phrase of “Christian nationalism” are indeed not of God but are of the world who hate both the Father and the Son because just as our Messiah tells us in John chapter 15 verse 21, they do not know who sent him.

As time marches on the hatred of the Christian will indeed intensify and become more and more popular as the return of our Messiah grows near. And it is indeed because the world has hated our Messiah that it does indeed hate us as well. Our Messiah chose us out of the world because we have made the willful and intentional commitment to separate ourselves from the world in order to show our love for him just as he has shown his love for us.

You see, there are those of us who understand that a servant is not greater than his master. There are those of us to understand that if they persecuted him, they will also persecute us. And there are those of us who understand that they will indeed hate us and persecute us for our

Messiah's name saying because once again... (scrn 2 show only)



They do not know him who has set his King on Zion, on his holy hill and has said, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you."

Keeping this in mind, I would like to begin this morning by reading **Matthew chapter 27 verses 27 through 31. E1**

### **Jesus Is Mocked**

**Mat 27:27** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him.

Mat 27:28 And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

Mat 27:29 and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Mat 27:30 And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

Mat 27:31 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

What we see here in Matthew chapter 27 is just a small portion of what our Messiah was forced to endure in order to conquer over evil. What we have just read here in Matthew chapter 27 is indeed the cup that our Messiah prayed to his Father about in the garden of Gethsemane. And this cup that he was drinking from I can assure you has already been shared with many of his chosen set apart remnant people. And I can also assure you that this cup will also be shared with many of us in the very near future.

This cup that our Messiah drank from has everything to do with why the nations rage today and why the people plot in vain. This cup that our Messiah drank from has everything to do with why the kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against Yehovah God and against his anointed one. You see, the question is no longer did our Messiah love us enough to drink from that cup. He has already successfully drank from that cup. The question now is, do we love him enough to drink from that same cup?

You see that cup was bitter, but as bitter as it was it led to life. The selfless sacrifice that our Messiah made by drinking that cup for our sakes is the same selfless sacrifice that he calls us all to make for him as well. And this is exactly why it is written that he who does not acknowledge him before men... he will not acknowledge before his Father in heaven.

If a servant is not greater than his master, then how is it that the master should stand for the name of the servant while the servant refuses to stand for the name of the master? I tell you the truth, a warning has already gone out to the kings of the earth. They have already been warned to kiss the Son unless he be angry and they perish in the way. But do the kings of the earth have the eyes to see and ears to hear that it will be this same only begotten Son of Yehovah God that will ultimately feed them to the vultures because they did not take heed of the warning that they have already been given. **Psalms chapter 2 E2**

## The Reign of the Lord's Anointed

**Psa 2:1** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

**Psa 2:2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

**Psa 2:3** "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

**Psa 2:4** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

**Psa 2:5** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**Psa 2:6** "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

**Psa 2:7** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

**Psa 2:8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

**Psa 2:9** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

**Psa 2:10** Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Psa 2:11** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

**Psa 2:12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

What exactly was taking place in Matthew chapter 27 while our Messiah was being mocked and put on display as the king of the Jews?

I would submit to you that these wicked and evil men who were mocking our Messiah and humiliating him unbeknownst to them... were giving him great power and authority through the wickedness that they were enacting against him.

You see, it was because our Messiah learned obedience through what he suffered that he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him. **Hebrews chapter 5 verses seven through 10 (scrn 3)**

**Heb 5:7** In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

**Heb 5:8** Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

**Heb 5:9** And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

**Heb 5:10** being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.



Why was it that our Messiah became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him? The very reason that he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him was because of his reverence and because he learned obedience through what he suffered.

You see, our Messiah did not come to take honor for himself. Our Messiah did not come to exalt himself to be made a high priest. Our Messiah did not come to preach his own word but his Father's word. And it was his Father that pointed to him and said and I quote, "you are my Son today I have begotten you." And it was his Father that said and I quote, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews chapter 5 verses four through six (**scrn 4**)

**Heb 5:4** And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

**Heb 5:5** So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

**Heb 5:6** as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."



This cup that our Messiah drank from was what caused him to be chosen by Yehovah as his only begotten Son. This cup that our Messiah drank from was what caused him to be chosen by Yehovah his Father to be a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. We must remember that God had first promised Soloman that he would make him the Messiah of Israel, but Soloman failed miserably and was rejected. **1<sup>st</sup> Chronicals 28:3-7 (scrn 5)**



1Ch 28:3 But God said to me, 'You may not build a house for my name, for you are a man of war and have shed blood.'

1Ch 28:4 Yet the LORD God of Israel chose me from all my father's house to be king over Israel forever. For he chose Judah as leader, and in the house of Judah my father's house, and among my father's sons he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel.

1Ch 28:5 And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

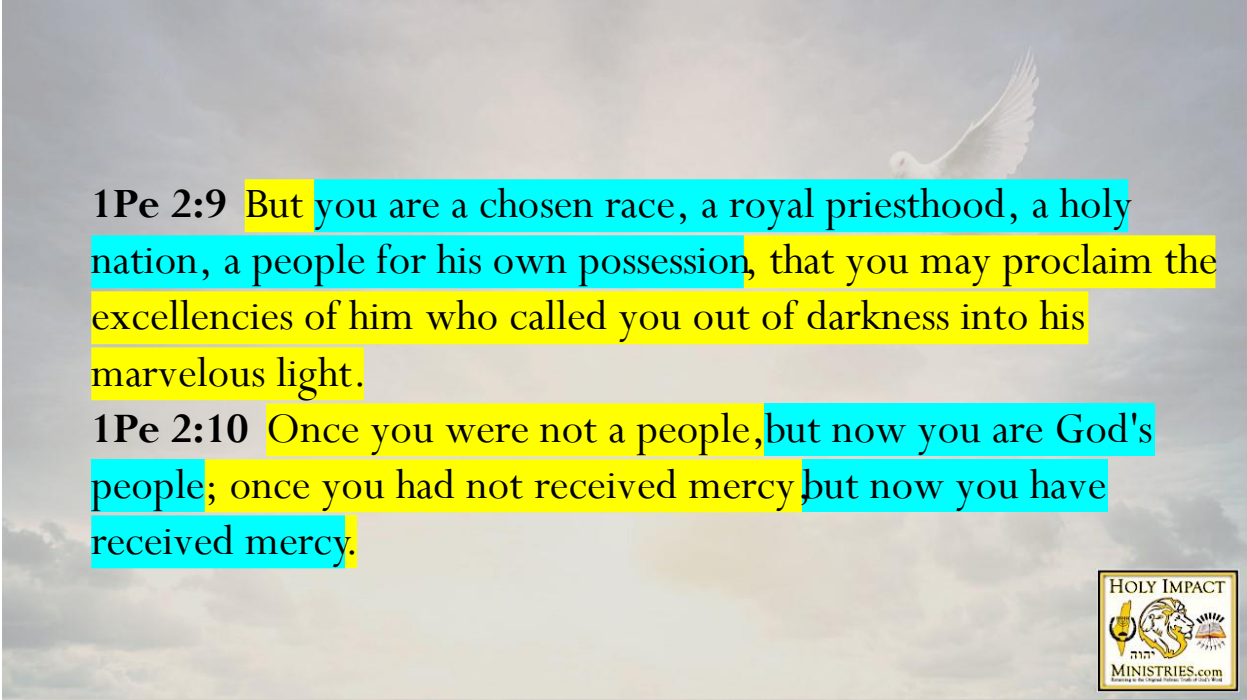
1Ch 28:6 He said to me, 'It is Solomon your son who shall build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.'

1Ch 28:7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he continues strong in keeping my commandments and my rules, as he is today.'



But Soloman did not continue strong in keeping God's commandments and rules and therefore Soloman was rejected as a runner up for the Messiah of Israel even though he was a son of David. And therefore Yehovah put the seed of David once again into the virgin women Mary to bring about another son of David in order to have him fulfil God's unfolding plan of salvation for mankind. And it was when this Yeshua cried out to him in reverence and when he had learned obedience through what he suffered that God made him the source of eternal salvation for all those who would obey him, for this Son of David... had passed the test that the other sons of David had failed. And this particular son of David had qualified himself through humility and longsuffering to be the Son of David that God was looking for.

And so too is it this very cup of obedience that we are required to drink from that will cause our father to also look down upon us and call us sons of God. And it will also be this cup that we are required to drink from that will cause our Father in heaven to look at us as a holy nation of priests. **First Peter chapter 2 verses nine and 10 (scrn 6)**



1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1Pe 2:10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



Just as we are told here in first Peter chapter 2... once we were not a people. Why? Because every one of us was born into the sin of Adam. Adam who was the first man willfully and intentionally chose to bow his knee to the creature rather than the creator. And by doing so all of mankind became children of the devil, the serpent who both Adam and Eve decided to serve. Man was no longer born in a pristine state because every man after Adam was born from the sinful flesh of Adam. **First Corinthians chapter 15 verses 20 through 24 (scrn 7)**

1Co 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

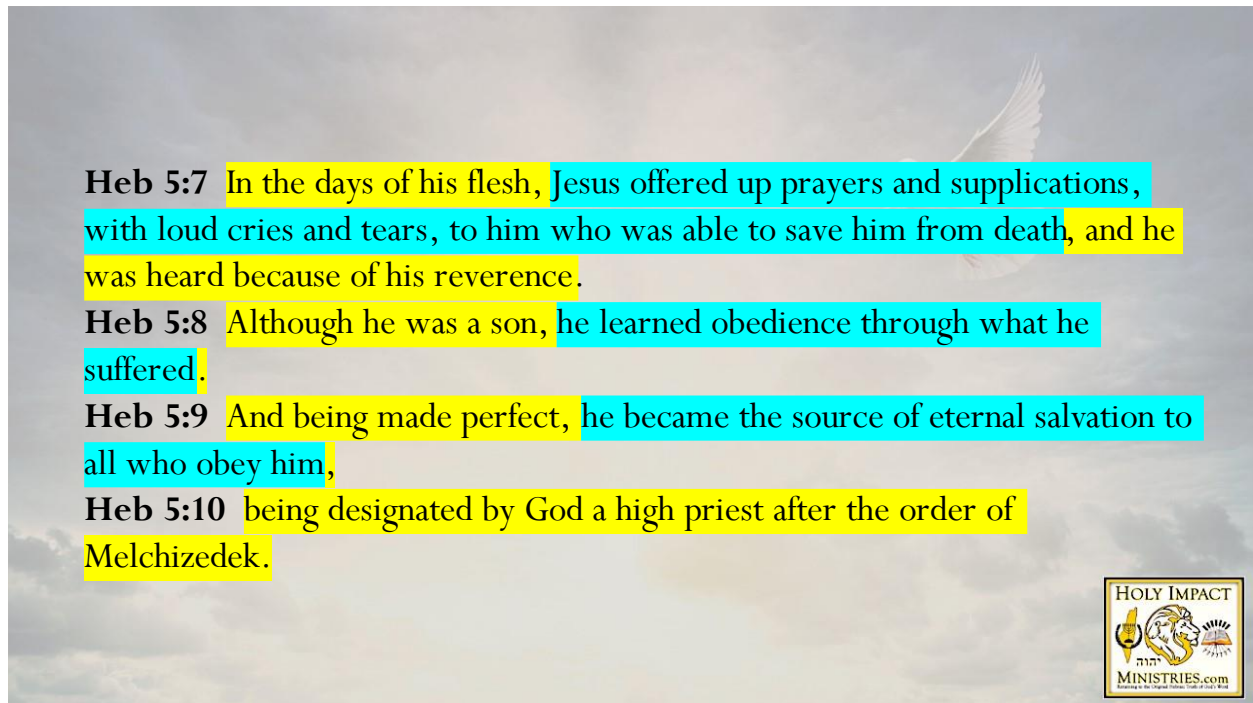
1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.



Once again, our Messiah has been raised from the dead in order to continue his mission in heaven. And he is therefore the first fruit of the resurrection. And because he is the first fruit of the resurrection, all other men must pass through him because he is the door that no man can shut. For just as by Adam one man came death, by and through our Messiah Yeshua one man has also come life. Just as in Adam all die, so too it is in our Messiah shall all be made alive. And I want us to zero in on first Corinthians chapter 15 verse 23 where we are told that we will all be made alive in our own order. First our Messiah the first fruits... then at his coming those who belong to the Messiah.

And so, the question then begs, who are those who belong to the Messiah? We've already read the answer to that question back in **Hebrews chapter 5 (scrn 8 show)**



Notice here we are told in Hebrews chapter 5 verse nine that through the reverence of our Messiah and the obedience that he learned through what he suffered he was made perfect and therefore became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him. Get that my friends... to all who obey him.

Once again obedience is the key. He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, not to all who reject him, not to all who return like a dog to their vomit and like a pig to their mire, not to those who believe that they are once saved always saved and cannot lose their salvation but all who obey him.

Deuteronomy chapter 30 in the Old Testament clearly provides the key to the love of God that we see in first John chapter 5 verse three of the New Testament. **(scrn 9)**

**Deu 30:16** If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

**1Jn 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome .

**1Jn 5:4** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world —our faith.

**1Jn 5:5** Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God ?



How do we love God according to Deuteronomy chapter 30 verse 16? According to Deuteronomy chapter 30 verse 16 of the Old Testament we love God by walking in his ways and keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules. How do we love God according to first John chapter 5 of the New Testament? According to first John chapter 5 of the New Testament we love God by keeping his commandments and making sure that his commandments are not burdensome to us.

You see, what we are reading in Matthew chapter 27 has everything to do with obedience. Why did our Messiah drink from that cup in the first place? Because it was commanded by his Father that he must drink from that cup and his prayer in the garden of Gethsemane solidifies and substantiates that fact. Our Messiah was learning obedience through what he suffered. And what does our Messiah tell us to do? Does he not tell us to pick up our crosses and to follow him? **First John chapter 2 verses four through six (scrn 10)**

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.



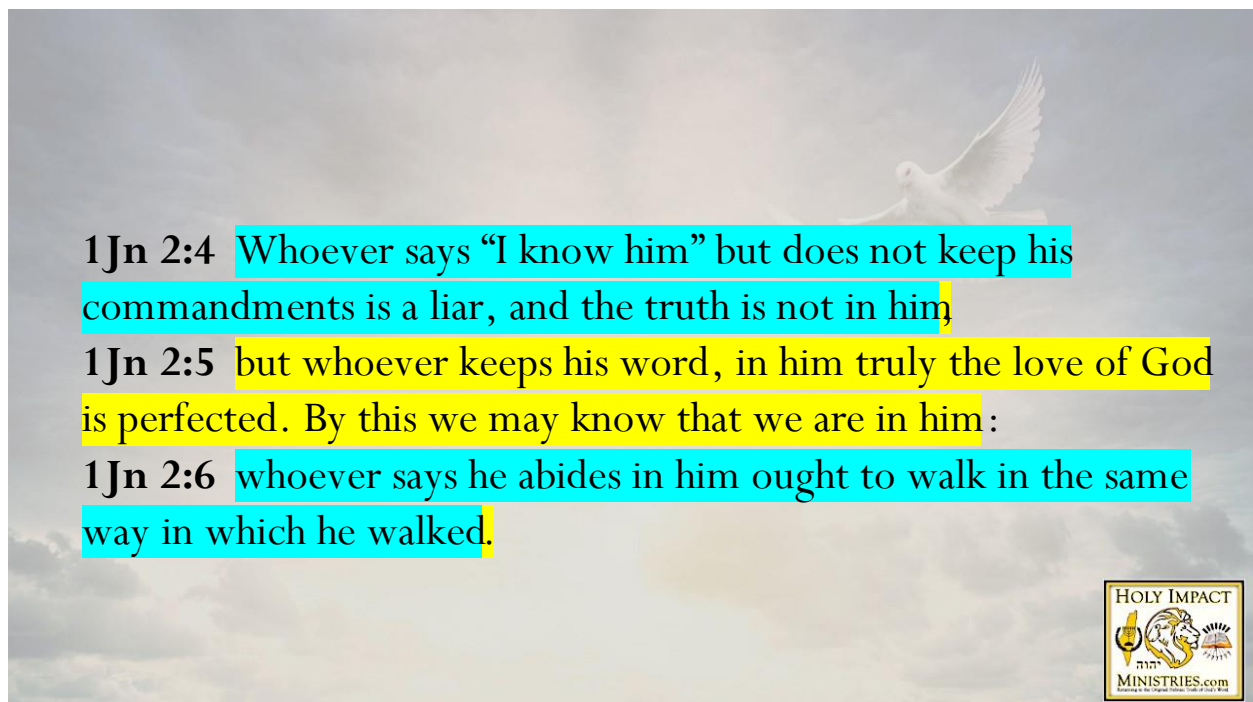
The apostle John tells us very clearly that whoever says that they know him but does not keep his commandments is a liar and the truth is not even in him. Where did John get this from? **Proverbs chapter 30 verse six (scrn 11)**

**Pro 30:6 Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.**



Show me where your Bible says that you are once saved always saved. There is no such Scripture. Show me who commanded a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath. There is no name. Show me who commanded God's people to keep the pagan holiday of Easter and to keep in remembrance a fertility goddess along with her egg laying rabbit. God has no such Festival. Show me who commanded us to dabble in the divination and magic of flying reindeer and Krampus elves and to teach our children to bow down to an evergreen tree. There is no such commandment.

Do not add to his words lest he rebuke you and you be found... A liar.  
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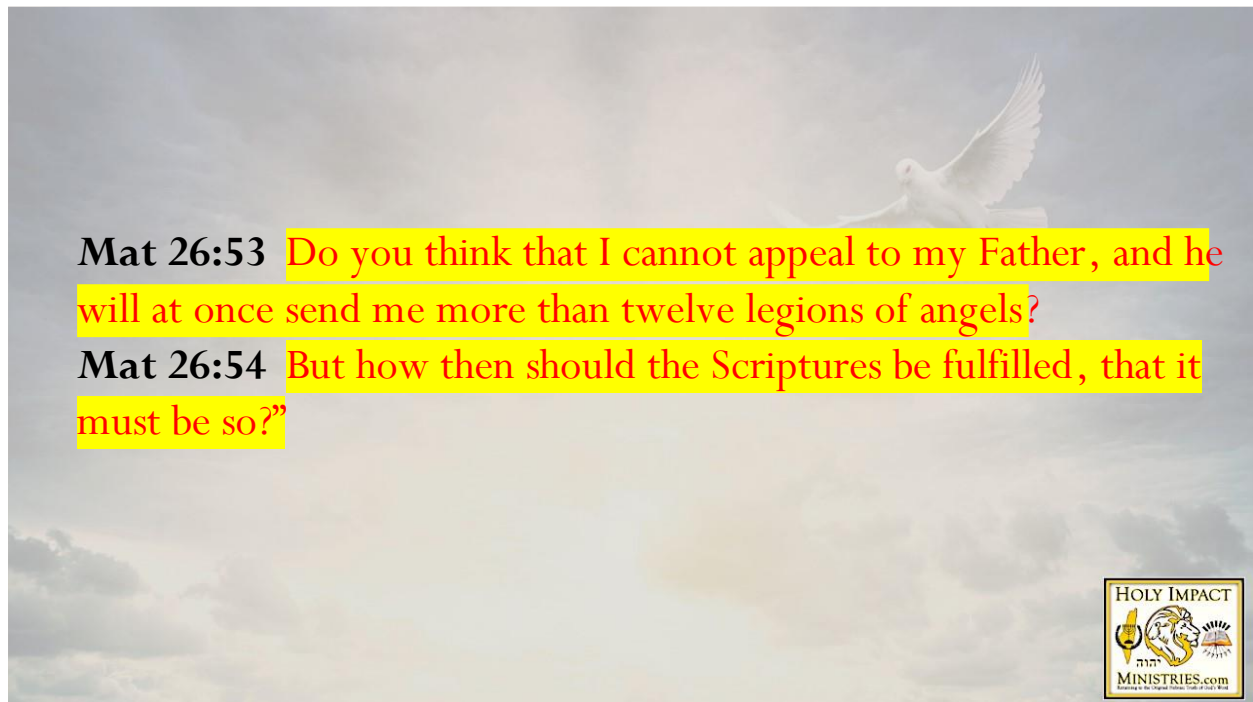
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The apostle John says that whoever says that they know him but does not keep his commandments is a liar and the truth is not even in him. And the only way that we may know that we are in him is when we abide in him by walking in the same way in which he walked. Which brings us right back to what our Messiah said when he told us that a

servant is not greater than his master.

Our Messiah had a whole battalion of soldiers standing before him who stripped him naked and put a scarlet robe on him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and they put it on his head, and they put a reed in his right hand and they mocked him saying “hail king of the Jews!” And then they spit on him, and they took the reed and they struck him on the head. And when they had finished with their little game, they stripped him of the robe that they had put on him and put his clothes back on him and let him away to crucify him. **(scrn 13 show only)**



And all the while... just as our Messiah had already told Peter in Matthew chapter 26 verse 53, he could have appealed to his Father and he would have at once sent more than twelve legions of angels to strike that battalion of soldiers dead on the spot in less than a blink of an eye. But he did not. He stood silent without saying a word.

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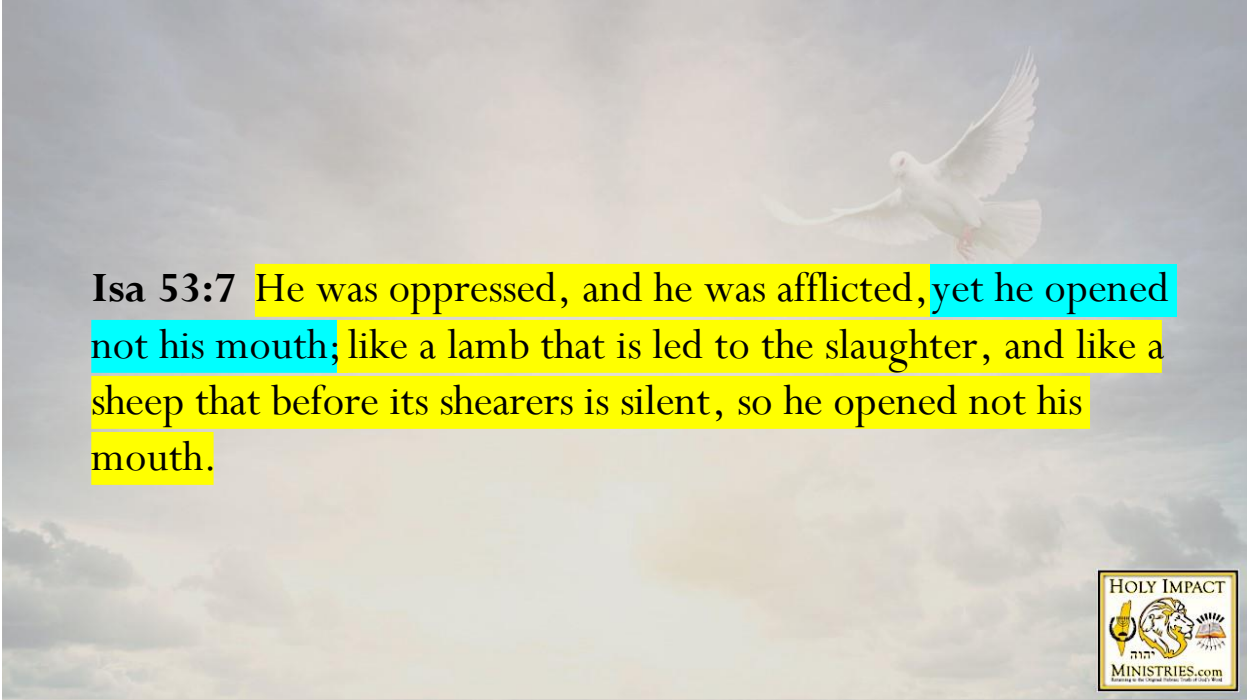
How many of us have that kind of willpower? How many of us have that kind of fortitude, that kind of patience, and that kind of understanding?

Make no mistake about it, our Messiah spoke boldly to the pastors and the priest of his time. He told them boldly that they were children of the devil. He told them boldly that they crossed over sea and land to make one follower and when they had made him a follower, they had made him twice as much a child of hell as themselves. He called them blind guides, a brood of vipers, and whitewashed tombs beautiful on the outside but full of dead men's bones on the inside. And yet... now here he stood in front of a battalion of soldiers as they humiliated him and mocked him and spit upon him and beat him and he refused to speak a word. Why?

Why was our Messiah so bold towards the Babylonian rabbinical rabbis of his time? Why was our Messiah so bold as to enter into his Father's temple with a whip that he had formed out of some cords and to kick over the tables of the money changers and to crack that whip and chase them out of his Father's house and yet... was so silent as this battalion of soldiers was mocking him and spitting upon him, and beating him?

I would submit to you my friends that there is a time to speak boldly and there is a time to remain silent. There is a time to reap and there is a time to sow. Why was it that our Messiah told Peter to put his sword away when Peter cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest in order to protect his Messiah? Why was it that Yeshua would not allow Peter to protect him? We find the answer to this once again in Matthew chapter 26 verse 54 when our Messiah says... But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so?

You see, our Messiah did not say a word because he knew that if he said a word the Scripture would not be fulfilled and therefore the olive branch that his Father was extending to mankind would not be able to be extended. **Isaiah 53:7 (scrn 14)**



Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.



A servant is not greater than his master.

And the master of our Messiah was indeed his Father who is also our Father. And it was his Father's will that an unblemished sinless human being must be sacrificed for the sins of all human beings. An unblemished Passover Lamb had to be offered up for the propitiation of the sins of mankind so that man could once again come back and partake of the tree of life that he had been banished from back in the garden of Eden. And this Yeshua... this particular Son of David was not only able but willing to become the source of salvation for all who would obey him.

Many are called but only few are chosen. Strait is the gate and narrow is the path but only few there be that find it. Why? Because only few will truly ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone in order to find him. Listen closely to what is written in **Zechariah chapter 13 E3**

Zec 13:1 "On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

## Idolatry Cut Off

**Zec 13:2** "And on that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness.

Zec 13:3 And if anyone again prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him, 'You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the LORD.' And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies.

Zec 13:4 "On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive,

Zec 13:5 but he will say, 'I am no prophet, I am a worker of the soil, for a man sold me in my youth.'

Zec 13:6 And if one asks him, 'What are these wounds on your back?' he will say, 'The wounds I received in the house of my friends.'

## The Shepherd Struck

Zec 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me," declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones.

Zec 13:8 In the whole land, declares the LORD, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive.

Zec 13:9 And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people'; and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

Although it is written that our Messiah came to take away the sin of the world, the world by in large has rejected him and this is exactly why the apostle James tells us that he who makes himself a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

The Prophet Zechariah tells us in the whole land two thirds shall be cut off and perish but that one third shall be left alive. And Zechariah tells us that our Father in heaven will put this one third into the fire and refine them as one refines silver that he will test them as gold is tested. And it is written that it will be this one third that will call upon his name and he will answer them. And Yehovah God will say "they are my people" and his people will say, "Yehovah why is my God".

One third. A remnant.

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The time is soon coming when this remnant will indeed be put into the fire and refined as one refines silver. This remnant will be tested as gold is tested. And this remnant will call on his name and he will answer, and they will be his people and Yehovah will be there Elohim.

The question is not is a servant greater than his master. The question is are you ready to be refined by passing through the fire? Are you ready for the testing? Are your children and your children's children ready? For it is indeed past time to look up... There should be no doubt in our minds that our redemption is indeed... near.

And with all of this information under our belts, my hope and my prayer is that you will enter into your prayer closet this very day and that you would 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 this morning be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the proper door can be opened to you. And if you will do this, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.