

The Fourfold Gospel

Jesus pays tribute money, Jesus journeys through Samaria, Jesus in the Temple,
Adulteress not stoned, The man born blind (LXXII-LXXXI)

Jesus Pays Tribute Money

- Matthew 17:24-27
 - Who required the ½ shekel temple tax?
 - God through Moses – Exodus 30:12-16
 - An annual tax required of all men 20 years and older
 - Who responded to the tax collectors?
 - Peter in his impulsive, presumptuous manner
 - Why did Jesus ask Peter the question?
 - Peter was making assumptions he should not have and forgot who Jesus was. Jesus reminded Peter HE is the Son of God.
 - Why did Jesus tell Peter to pay the tax?
 - To prevent the tax collectors from stumbling – they may think Jesus is refusing to abide by the law of Moses, even when it doesn't apply to Him.
 - How was the tax paid?
 - In a manner that showed the whole realm of nature was tributary to the Christ

False Ambition vs Childlikeness

- Matthew 18:1-14; Mark 9:33-50; Luke 9:46-50
 - What were the disciples arguing about?
 - Who is greatest in the kingdom
 - What example does Jesus use to show Greatness?
 - A child – humbleness
 - What do we learn about Jesus attitude concerning non-disciples working miracles?
 - If one is for Jesus then that one is NOT against Jesus.
 - Jesus recognizes all who recognize HIM
 - Explain the idea of salt. What is it good for?
 - Preservation- in this context preservation in either eternal life or eternal death
 - What do these statements tell us about God's view of humility?
 - It is one of the most loved virtues found in men by God.

Sin and forgiveness among brethren

- Matthew 18:15-35
 - How are Christians to handle offense?
 - Personally between each other
 - Then with help of 2 or 3 witnesses (NEVER just 1 witness)
 - Then with help of the entire church
 - How often should we forgive our brother?
 - No end to forgiveness
 - What is God's view on forgiveness? Explain the parable?
 - We have been forgiven an unpayable debt, so we MUST forgive debts owed to us by our brethren

Jesus' brothers advise Him to go to Judaea

- John 7:2-9
 - Why was Jesus staying away from Judaea?
 - The Jews were seeking to kill him
 - What was Jesus answers to his brothers about attending the Feast of Booths?
 - My time is not yet fulfilled – it is not time for the cross yet.
- Luke 9:51-56; John 12:10
 - How did Jesus travel to the feast?
 - Secretly, most likely through Samaria, a route most Jews would not take – They would travel through Perea to avoid the Samaritans
 - Why did the Smaritans reject Jesus?
 - Because he was a Jew traveling to Jerusalem, and not a missionary on tour in their area

Sacrifice for Christ; In the temple at the Feast

- Luke 9:57-62
 - What excuse is acceptable to not follow Christ?
 - There is NO GOOD REASON to reject Christ
- John 7:11-52
 - Who was looking for Jesus at the feast?
 - The Jews who wanted to kill Him
 - What astonished the Jews about Jesus?
 - His mastery of knowledge about the scriptures and traditions
 - Jesus teaching led to what attempt by the Pharisees?
 - His arrest
 - Where was Jesus going that they could not follow?
 - Heaven

The Adulteress

- John 7:53-8:11
 - What Sin was witnessed in this account?
 - Adultery
 - What did the Scribes and Pharisees want?
 - Jesus to condemn the woman to death
 - What stipulation did Jesus put on the witnesses to prevent them from committing sin?
 - They would need to be sinless to judge this woman
 - What did Jesus say to the woman once all the accusers departed?
 - Go and sin no more

Attempt to stone Jesus

- John 8:12-59
 - What was the Pharisees first accusation against Jesus?
 - He was testifying about Himself so His testimony was not true.
 - Who did Jesus say testifies about Him?
 - Himself and the Father
 - The Pharisees continue to lie and say they've never been enslaved to anyone. How many times were the Jews in physical slavery?
 - At least 4 times – to the Philistines, Assyrians, Babylonians and Persians
 - Was Jesus talking about physical slavery?
 - No- they were in slavery to sin
 - Who did Jesus accuse of being the Pharisees father?
 - Satan
 - Who did Jesus finally say He was that caused the Jews to pick up stones?
 - I AM

Next week

- Week 16 - The Good Shepherd, The 70 sent out, Jesus visits Mary & Martha, Jesus in Paraea (LXXXII-LXXXIX)