

The Fourfold Gospel

Week 20 - Jesus last public speech, Observing the offering, Greeks seek Jesus, Destruction of Jerusalem foretold, 2nd coming of Christ(CX-CXIV)

Jesus' last public discourse

- Matthew 23:1-39, Mark 12:38-40, Luke 20:45-47
 - What did Jesus mean by “whatever they tell you, do and comply with it all, but do not do as they do, for they say things and do not do them”?
 - The scribes and Pharisees read the law in its completeness, but only abided by their traditions of what they thought the law meant.
 - Jesus warns about obeying the law of God, not the traditions of men
 - What did Jesus mean by “make one proselyte; and when he is become one, you make him twofold more a son of hell than yourselves.”?
 - He is not talking about heathens converted to worshipping God, but Jews converted to Pharisaism. They become worse than their teachers drifting further from the law and more devoted to men's traditions.
 - Why would swearing by the “gold of the temple” be more important to the Pharisee than the temple itself?
 - They deemed the golden ornaments more important than God's house

Jesus' last public discourse

- What is Jesus talking about when discussing the cup and the dish? (vs 25-26)
 - Jesus is telling the Pharisees that a pure spiritual life makes for clean outward conduct.
 - The Pharisees attempt to look pure outwardly was easily seen through because of their corrupt ways
- What final accusation does Jesus land at the feet of the Pharisees?
 - They are admitting descendants of those Jews who slew the prophets of old, and they are willing scourges of those sent by God to speak the gospel

Observing the offering

- Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4
 - *It is said that in the court of the women there were cloisters or porticos, and under the shelter of these were placed thirteen chests with trumpet-shaped mouths into which offerings might be dropped. The money cast in was for the benefit of the temple. An inscription on each chest showed to which one of the thirteen special items of cost or expenditure the contents would be devoted; as, for the purchase of wood, or gold, or frankincense, etc.*
 - What does Jesus teach His disciples about giving, while watching the contributions to the temple treasury?
 - It is the QUALITY not the QUANTITY of what is given that matters to God
 - God expects us to do what we can
 - God knows our hearts and knows our intentions. We must approach God with our offerings honestly and humbly, giving and doing what we can

Greeks seeking Jesus

- John 12:20-50
 - What did the Greeks seeking Jesus signify?
 - The end of Jesus' earthly ministry. He was sent to save the Jews. And now that the gospel has spread to the Gentiles, Jesus has just one thing left to do, and it is the hardest task that he has to face - His incarceration, torture and death for all mankind.
 - What is meant by Jesus' conversation about grain
 - In order for Him to bring about Life and the kingdom, He must die. As the grain seed must die to bring forth more fruit, Jesus must die to bring forth the fruit of eternal life for all mankind.
 - What did Jesus ask for from His father?
 - Save Him from the upcoming hour of his death, but it was this hour He had come to the earth for, so Father – glorify your name.
 - The Lord said "He had glorified it and would glorify it again"

Destruction of Jerusalem foretold

- Matthew 24:1-28, Mark 13:1-23, Luke 21:5-24
 - What did Jesus tell his apostles would happen to the temple?
 - It would be utterly destroyed- not one stone left upon another.
 - What signs did Jesus say would happen before the destruction?
 - False Christ's proclaiming the second coming
 - Wars and rumors or wars
 - Earthquakes, famines, pestilence
 - Persecutions of the saints
 - False prophets
 - Gospel preached to the whole world
 - Jerusalem surrounded by armies
 - The abomination of desolation spoken by Daniel standing in the Holy Place
 - What did Jesus tell them to do when they see these final things occur?
 - FLEE!

The second coming of Christ

- Matt 24:29-51, Mark 13:24-37, Luke 21:25-37
 - Immediately means what?
 - Is this a predication of the end of the world and the beginning of eternity?
 - Is this figurative language describing the end of the age? See vs 34
 - What does Jesus tell us about this end of age event starting in verse 36?