

"I AM NOT COME," #2

INTRODUCTION

- I. In a previous lesson, we observed that in the Sermon on the Mount, that Jesus made it very clear that He did not come to DESTROY the law, but to FULFILL it. Matt. 5:17
 - A. We observed several ways that Jesus DID fulfill the law of Moses.
 1. 1st, He fulfilled the law by giving a deeper meaning to the commandments of Moses.
 2. 2nd, He came to fulfill prophecies about His coming to offer salvation.
 3. 3rd, He came to observe the law without even one violation of the law.
 4. 4th, He came to fulfill the prophecies and shadows about Him as foretold in scripture.
 5. 5th, He came to fulfill the requirements of His "death for sin."
 - B. There are yet 3 other things Jesus said He did "**not**" come to do, then uses the word "**but**", to show a contrast in His coming relative to these named points.
- II. Now, let's look at the 3 points as mentioned in the book of Matthew.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, Jesus NOT come to call the righteous to repentance. Matt. 9:13

- A. The context is that of Jesus calling Matthew, a hated tax-collector, to follow Him, and then He ate with the Matthew. Matt. 9:10-13
- B. Jesus responded in two ways.
 1. First, He stated that a physician is to heal the the "whole", but the "sick", implying that His coming would include such men as tax collectors. v. 12
 2. Second, He clearly stated that He came to call sinner's to repentance, suggesting that such collectors would be encouraged to repent, by His being with them. v. 13

II. 2nd, Jesus did NOT to bring peace. Matt. 10:34

- A. Christ DID come to bless peacemakers and through the apostles, declared that we CAN be at peace with Christ and with one another. Matt. 5:9; Eph. 2:11-17; Rom. 12:18
- B. However, the statement about His coming was NOT to bring peace, was intended to show that WHEN people accept Him and His teaching, that such may well cause a sword and division, even when they DO accept Christ's offer of peace. Matt.10:34-39
 1. This happens because not all people will accept His teaching, and will refuse to be at peace with those who DO accept His word.
 2. Christ did NOT come for the sole purpose of causing division, but to bring peace to some may cause a distance between them and others in their families.
 3. Paul knew that the truth may cause enmity. Gal. 4:16

III. 3rd, Jesus did NOT come to be ministered TO by others. Matt. 20:28

- A. His coming was NOT just to have people to minister to Him, but the emphasis was to serve others. Matt. 20:28
- B. However, His ministry was to cause others to minister and serve others.
 1. Actually, some DID minister unto Him while in the flesh. Luke 8:1-3
 2. Our service today IS ministry to others. Rom. 15:25-27; Heb. 6:10; 1 Pet. 4:8-11
 3. The point is, His coming was not geared to creating a following for the sake of having a following of any kind, but to "minister" to others primarily, and such will cause others in turn to follow Him and His teaching, which does involve serving Him in the right way.

4. Jesus demonstrated the idea of serving by His example. John 13:1-17 (Discuss)

CONCLUSION

I. What do we learn from these 3 passages in Matthew?

A. 1st, we learn that we too should be teaching repentance of sins. Cf Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30; Luke 13:3

B. 2nd, we learn that when we DO preach repentance, it MAY create division, but we must continue on teaching the word of the Lord in search of honest hearers among the lost.

C. 3rd, we learn that we should be servants of the Lord and of one another.

D. 4th, we need to remember that Jesus WILL come “again” at the end of time, and our eternal future will depend on HOW we followed His teaching while here on earth.

II. If we can be of service to any present this hour who have not obeyed the Lord’s teaching, we encourage you to let it be known at this time.

A. If you are not a Christian, you can become such by confessing your faith in Christ, repenting of all sins, and being baptized into Christ for salvation.

B. If you have become a Christian, but have wandered away from the teaching of the Lord, we will be happy to assist you with prayer to God in your behalf.

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