

THAT YOU MAY HAVE CERTAINTY

Jesus Challenges Thoughtless & Showy Religion - Luke 20:27-40

1: Jesus is Messiah and Lord Luke 20:41-44

⁴¹But he said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is David's son?

⁴²For David himself says in the Book of Psalms,

"The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,

⁴³until I make your enemies your footstool."

44David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?"

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,

³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,

35until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

2: Don't Follow the Scribe's Example Luke 20:45-47

Luke 20:45-47 (ESV)

⁴⁵And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples,

Luke 20:45-47 (ESV)

⁴⁶"Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts,

Luke 20:45-47 (ESV)

⁴⁷who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

James 1:26-27 (ESV)

²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

James 1:26-27 (ESV)

²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

⁵"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

3: Follow the Widow's Example Luke 21:1-4

¹Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box,

²and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.

³And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.

⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Matthew 6:2-4 (ESV)

²"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

Matthew 6:2-4 (ESV)

³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

Matthew 6:2-4 (ESV)

4so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,

²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,

4begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—

5and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.

⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

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