

SERMON: Search the
"What think ye of CHRIST"
"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES"

TEXT: MATT. 22: 41 & 42

Supporting Scriptures:

John 5:39 - Heb. 10:14
John 1:1 - Mark. 10:34
Isaiah 53 & Isaiah 55
John 5:24 John 17:21
John 6:35

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WOULD YOU OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO THE "GOOD NEWS" AS RECORDED
BY MATTHEW. // MATTHEW CHAPTER 22, VERSE 41/42. Matt. 22:41/42

NOW BEFORE WE READ THE TEXT, LET ME REMIND OUR HEARTS
THAT THE WAY WE ANSWER THE QUESTION ^{our} ~~THE~~ TEXT ASKS, WILL
DETERMINE WHERE YOU SPEND ETERNITY. YOU SEE,
WHEN DEATH COMES, IT WILL ALL BE SETTLED.

now
MATTHEW 22:41 READS, " WHILE THE PHARISEES WERE GATHERED
TOGETHER, JESUS ASKED THEM, " WHAT THINK YE OF THE CHRIST ?
" WHOSE SON IS HE...? "

LET ME TELL YOU MY FRIENDS, / MANY ISSUES THAT WE HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH, HAVE ALREADY BEEN SETTLED. // (1) THE SIN ISSUE
HAS ALREADY BEEN DEALT WITH. // ..HEBREWS 10:14 TELLS US
THAT JESUS DEALT WITH IT ONCE, / FOR ALL / FOREVER... //
LISTEN: "FOR BY ONE OFFERING, JESUS HATH PERFECTED FOREVER
THEM THAT ARE SANCTIFIED. "

NOW ACCORDING TO THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD, THIS
ONE SACRIFICE WAS ENOUGH. " (GOD'S WORD SAID SO.)
AND YOU WILL NOT GET ME TO ARGUE WITH THAT.

THIS SACRIFICE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL WHO ARE SAVED, TO
BE SEPERATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, SO THEY COULD ENTER INTO
A MARVELOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. // ISN'T THAT EXCITING. //

LISTEN / ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT PERFECT NOW, GOD SEES
US AS PERFECT. // HE SEES THE FINISHED PRODUCT.

SO I SAY AGAIN, "THE SIN QUESTION OR SIN ISSUE, HAS BEEN
SETTLED. // THE SIN DEBT HAS BEEN PAID. // REDEMPTION HAS
BEEN PURCHASED. // GOD HAS BEEN SATISFIED. // AND YOU AND I
HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, BUT TO ACCEPT IT. // Amen

YET THE QUESTION IS STILL BEFORE US, " WHAT DO YOU
THINK OF CHRIST. // WHOSE SON IS HE ? //

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NOW HEAR THIS: " BEFORE WE LEAVE THIS LIFE, EVERYONE OF
US WILL ANSWER THAT QUESTION. " AND THE WAY WE ANSWER IT
WILL DETERMINE OUR ETERNAL HOME, (HEAVEN OR HELL)

MY PRAYER IS THAT YOU WILL ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE YOU
LEAVE THIS PLACE THIS MORNING. ~~AND SOME WILL~~

It's So Important

WHEN THOMAS SAID TO JESUS, " LORD, TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF. " ~~AND~~
JESUS REPLIED: " I AM THE WAY .. THE TRUTH .. AND
THE LIFE, AND NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER EXCEPT BY
ME. " (JOHN 14:6) HE SAID, "IT IS SETTLED" / "A DONE DEAL" //

NOW WHEN JESUS WALKED THE EARTH, HE WAS CALLED BY MANY NAMES
SOME COMPLIMENTED HIM, OTHERS DID NOT... (1) HE WAS CALLED
PRINCE OF PEACE, FOR ONE... YET JESUS HIMSELF SAID:
"THINK NOT THAT I AM COME TO SEND PEACE ON EARTH, I COME
NOT TO SEND PEACE BUT A SWORD." MATT.10:34.

NOW that may sound strange to some folks, BUT
LET ME ASK, " HAVE YOU FOUND THAT SINCE YOU
HAVE BEEN SAVED, OR SINCE YOU REDEDICATED YOUR
LIFE THAT YOU HAVE LOST SOME OLD FRIENDS.....

MAYBE MEMBERS OF YOUR OWN FAMILY EVEN QUESTION WHAT YOU
SAY OR ~~RIGHT~~ ^{WRITE} TO THEM ??? IF IT IS BECAUSE YOU
GAVE THEM THE RIGHT ANSWER ^{To The Questions} WE HAVE BEFORE US, THEN
PRAISE GOD.....

IF IT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE SAVED AND ARE ALLOWING THE NEW
CREATURE IN CHRIST TO MANIFEST ITSELF, THEN REJOICE...

LET ME TELL YOU, JESUS KNEW WHAT PEOPLE WERE SAYING
ABOUT HIM. HE KNEW WHAT SOME WERE CALLING HIM, BUT
HE ALSO KNEW WHAT THE FATHER'S BUSINESS WAS, AND HE
WAS NOT ABOUT TO ALLOW ANYTHING TO KEEP HIM FROM THE
WORK HE CAME TO DO..... *And I'm So Proud*

IN JERUSALEM THAT DAY, THERE WERE SOME WHO CONSIDERED JESUS AS BEING "DEMON POSSESSED". BUT PRAISE GOD, THERE WERE OTHERS WHO CONFESSED HIM AS JESUS / MESSIAH / SON OF THE LIVING GOD. (THEY HAD FOUND THE RIGHT ANSWER, HAVE YOU)

LISTEN, I JUST GAVE IT TO YOU.....

TODAY THERE ARE THOSE WHO SIMPLY CONSIDER JESUS AS HAVING BEEN A GOOD MAN. A GREAT TEACHER. A VERY RELIGIOUS MAN. *And He Was All That & more*

AND THERE ARE SOME WHO SIMPLY SEE HIM AS THE ILLIGITIMATE SON OF A CARPENTER. AN IMPOSTER. BUT THANK GOD FOR THE MULTIPLIED MILLIONS WHO KNOW HIM AS " THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, WHO DIED SO THEY COULD LIVE FOREVER.

THEY DID NOT FIND THE ANSWER ON THEIR OWN...THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD GAVE THEM THE ANSWER, THEN DREW THEM TO THE FATHER.

LISTEN

HEAVEN WILL ONE DAY BE THEIR HOME. WHILE HELL will one day be the home for the others. LET ME TELL YOU, IT WON'T TAKE A NEW YORK MINUTE FOR PEOPLE TO REALIZE THE AWFUL MISTAKE THEY MADE...AND THEY WILL HAVE ALL ETERNITY TO REMEMBER IT....

OH LISTEN, THE RIGHT ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. WHY NOT FIND AND GIVE THE RIGHT ANSWER NOW,

"WHAT IS CHRIST TO YOU ? IF HE IS NOT SAVIOR, YOU ARE IN DEEP TROUBLE..... *UNLESS YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT*

could I ask

ARE YOU TRULY INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHO CHRIST IS ??? IS THERE A HUNGER IN YOUR SOUL THAT WILL NOT GO AWAY ?????

IF SO, TAKE THE ADVICE OF THE APOSTLE JOHN, WHO WROTE *IN JOHN 8:39* "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES".....OH LISTEN, DEAR LOST PERSON, THE ANSWER IS THERE.....

OH LISTEN DISCOURAGED CHILD OF GOD, "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES"
THEY WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU NEED TO DO, TO HOLD ON...

JOHN SAID: "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES," THEY WILL TELL
YOU WHO JESUS IS. WHOSE SON HE IS... JOHN WROTE,
"THEY WILL TESTIFY OF JESUS..."

LISTEN, JESUS WAS WELL AWARE THAT MANY WHO HEARD HIM SPEAK
WERE STUDENTS OF THE SCRIPTURES...

HE KNEW THAT THEY HAD READ SCRIPTURE THAT WOULD
IDENTIFY THE MESSIAH. THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH
ISAIAH 53, AND ISAIAH 55. THEY BOTH SPOKE OF
JESUS, MESSIAH. OF HIS SUFFERING, AND HIS
ABILITY TO MEET MAN'S GREATEST NEEDS...

AND CONTRARY TO WHAT MANY WILL TELL YOU TODAY, THAT GREATEST
NEED IS A SPIRITUAL ONE. NOT MATERIAL. ARE YOU LISTENING ?

EVEN THO THESE PHARISEES KNEW THE SCRIPTURE, THEY
REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS AS MESSIAH. THEY REFUSED
TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS "COME FROM GOD"...

Now
THOSE PEOPLE HAVE ALL PASSED AWAY, BUT OTHERS HAVE STEPPED
UP TO TAKE THEIR PLACE TODAY. THERE ARE PEOPLE ALL ABOUT
US WHO NEED TO "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES", AND LET THOSE
SCRIPTURES SPEAK TO THEIR HEARTS. SOME MAY BE IN THIS
PLACE THIS MORNING. SOME MAY BE IN PULPITS ACROSS OUR
LAND.....

LET ME TELL YOU A TRUTH: JESUS HAS NEVER HAD AN EQUAL ON
this earth, or any place else...even tho some say he has...

HE WAS AND IS ONE OF A KIND, AND THAT CAN'T BE
SAID OF ANY OTHER... (THATS WHAT "ONLY BEGOTTEN"
MEANS... AND THOSE WHO SAY DIFFERENTLY WILL
NEVER HEAR GOD SAY, "ENTER IN, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT."

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LET ME TELL YOU THIS TRUTH: "JESUS IS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN
SON OF GOD... HE WAS VIRGIN BORN... VERY GOD IN THE
FLESH... EQUAL IN EVERY RESPECT TO GOD....."

DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, TAKE HIS..... IN JOHN 10:30
JESUS SAID, "I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE." AND THAT CAN'T BE
TRUTHFULLY SAID ABOUT ANYONE ELSE.....

THEN IN JOHN 1:1 WE READ, "IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE
WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS
GOD" DEAR FRIENDS, "THE WORD IS JESUS"

IN JOHN 17:21 JESUS SAID AS HE PRAYED: " I PRAY THAT THEY
ALL MAY BE ONE, AS THOU FATHER ART IN ME, AND I IN THEE"

I SAY AGAIN, IT CAN'T BE SAID ABOUT ANYONE ELSE BUT JESUS...

ARE YOU LISTENING MY FRIENDS ????? I'M ANSWERING
THAT MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION FOR YOU...THE ONE THAT
WILL DETERMINE WHERE YOU SPEND ETERNITY.....

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ONE WHO SAID: " I AM THE BREAD OF
LIFE, HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER, AND
HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER THIRST" (JOHN 6:35)

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES" MY FRIENDS.....THE ANSWER IS THERE.
THEY WILL NOT ONLY TELL YOU WHO THE CHRIST IS, BUT WHAT
YOU MUST BELIEVE ABOUT HIM, IF YOU ARE TO BE SAVED...

OH LISTEN, JESUS SAID OVER AND OVER, "YOU MUST RECEIVE
THE WORD BY FAITH." LISTEN TO JOHN 5:24 "TRULY,
TRULY I SAY UNTO YOU, HE THAT HEARETH MY WORD AND
BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT SENT ME, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE,
AND THEY SHALL NOT COME INTO CONDEMNATION, BUT IS
PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE."

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MAY I SAY IT AGAIN: "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES" THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS THERE.....

LISTEN, THE REASON I'M TELLING YOU ALL THIS IS BECAUSE I LOVE YOU...AND BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO FIND THE RIGHT ANSWER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE....

GOD'S WORD FOR US IS THIS "JESUS IS MY SON, AND ALL HE HAS DONE PLEASES ME." "YOU NEED HIM ABOVE ALL ELSE."

LET ME ASK AGAIN: "WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST ? WHOSE SON IS HE ? THE QUESTION WILL NOT GO AWAY, IT WILL BE ANSWERED BY EACH OF US.....

THERE IS ANOTHER QUESTION FOR US TO CONSIDER THIS VERY MOMENT, "WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS"///I MEAN RIGHT NOW

THE WRITER OF HEBREWS SPOKE A GREAT TRUTH WHEN HE WROTE: "YOU OUGHT TO GIVE EARNEST HEED TO THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE HEARD, FOR THERE IS NO ESCAPE IF YOU NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION."

THE WRITER ALSO SAID: "TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART."....."WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST"

WHOSE SON IS HE ?

I FEEL LED OF THE LORD TO ASK ANY OF YOU WHO HAVE SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURE AND FOUND THE ANSWER, YOU WHO HAVE FOUND JESUS AS SAVIOR AND HAVE ALLOWED HIM TO BE LORD OF YOUR LIVES TO COME TO THIS ALTAR AND BATHE THE NEXT FEW MOMENTS OF THIS SERVICE IN PRAYER.....ASKING GOD TO POUR OUT HIS HOLY SPIRIT ON THIS PLACE....PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE ALLOWED TO DO HIS WORK OF DRAWING PEOPLE TO JESUS.

WILL YOU, WHO ARE SINCER, AND WHO BEAR WITNESS OF YOUR SINCERITY, COME NOW.....

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NOW THERE COULD BE SOM HERE TODAY WHO ARE SAVED, BUT WHO
HAVE NOT ALLOWED JESUS TO BE LORD OF THEIR LIVES....PRAY
FOR THEM..

THERE MAY BE OTHERS UNWILLING TO LET GO OF THE OLD
WAY OF LIFE...OLD HABITS..OLD WAYS. PRAY FOR THEM
PRAY FOR THE LOST...THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES
YOU SEE, ENOUGH HAS BEEN SAID ALREADY TO SAVE THEM ALL

PRAY THAT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT SALVATION IS A GIFT,
AND THE ONLY WAY TO POSSESS THE GIFT IS TO RECEIVE IT AS
A GIFT FROM THE GIVER.....

LISTEN, GOD GAVE JESUS, WHO SUFFERED, BLED AND DIED.
HE WAS BURIED, AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD....IF YOU ARE
NOT SAVED, YOU MUST BELIEVE ON HIM...CALL ON HIM.
RECEIVE HIM...HE WILL DO THE REST AND YOU WILL
know it....

now my friends, you have heard who jesus is WHOSE SON HE
IS....WHY HE CAME, AND FOR WHOM...QUESTION IS:

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD.....

AS THESE PRAY, AND AS JOE COMES TO PLAY HYMN # 346, I'M
GOING TO ASK ALL WHO HAVE DECIDED TO ALLOW JESUS TO BE
LORD OF THEIR LIVES TO STAND FACING THE CROSS.....

AND I'M GOING TO ASK ANY WHO HAVE JUST RECEIVED JESUS
AS SAVIOR IN THIS SERVICE TO COME STAND BY ME.....

JOE, YOU PLAY, AND MEN, AS THE HOLY SPIRIT
LEADS, YOU COME, RIGHT NOW....

HOW MANY OF YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU ARE NOW WILLING TO
ALLOW JESUS TO BE LORD OF YOUR LIFE LIFT A HAND....

HOW MANY ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU HAVE JUST BEEN SAVED

LIFT YOUR HAND.....I WANT TO TALK TO
YOU AFTER THE SERVICE.....

NOW AS WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER, LETS THANK
HIM FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE TODAY.....LETS PRAISE HIM...
WORSHIP HIM....AND MAGNIFY HIS PRECIOUS NAME.....

LETS GIVE GOD THE GLORY

CLOSING PRAYER