

Themes

1. Mourning of John the Baptist - take on the road, JTB's true home
 - a. Jesus is a mystery – John: The One
2. Jesus brings division (via Thomas & Ramah's inquiring of him)
 - a. The command to love God is grater than all other relationships
 - b. *Mt 10:34-35 & Luke 12:51-53*
3. Caesarea Philippi – smell – dark places we can't be afraid to go.
 - a. They are at "Gates of Hell" ... ritual bestiality
 - b. John the Baptist would not have been afraid to go.
4. Jesus asks "Who do you say that I am?" and Peter answers
 - a. Elevation of Peter & his name is changed.
 - i. "Gates of Hell" will not stand vs His church
 - ii. *Mt 16:13-20, Mk 8:27-30, Lk 9:18-21*
 - b. Disciples argue who is best disciple.
 - i. *Mt 18:1-4, Mk 9:33-36, Lk 9:46*
5. Forgiveness – we apologize to repent, not to be forgiven.
 - a. Forgive 70 x 7 times – no limit.
 - i. *Mt 18:21-35, Lk 17:3-4*
 - b. Matthew apologizes.
 - c. Peter forgives Matthew.
 - i. *Gen 50:20 – all was for good*
 - ii. 20Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good, to achieve this present end, the survival of many people.^c
6. Jesus: I make people what they aren't.
7. Peter confused after Jesus' proclamation about building His church on Peter.
8. Yussif dresses for the day (Capernaum) *praying Ecclesiastes- fleeting*
 - a. almost refers man in trouble to Jesus
 - b. asks Jairus about his daughter – they can't discuss her healing
 - c. LATER – He decides to use his father's wealth & influence to gain a seat at the Sanhedrin
9. Shmuel – elevated to Sanhedrin because he turned in info on John the Baptist and Jesus.
 - a. While being fitted, he discusses his encounter with Jesus with Yanni
 - b. Rabbi Shammai welcomes him & commends him for exposing Jesus
 - c. Rabbi Shimon attempts to defend Jesus.
 - d. High Priest Caiphaz encourages entrapping Jesus w/questions until they can convince Rome to deal with him.
 - e. Shmuel agrees w/Yanni that Shmuel should be the one to bring in Jesus
10. Quintus
 - a. Atticus – seems anxious - demands latest intel on Jesus.
 - b. Gais – charged to remove the tent city within the week.
 - i. MT suggests he get help from Jesus
 - ii. He wakes anxious, but then focus' on Jesus & all is well.

Shivea – funeral

Shiva is a Hebrew word meaning "seven" and refers to a seven-day period of formalized mourning by the immediate family of the deceased. Shiva begins immediately after the burial and concludes a short time after the morning service (Shacharit) on the seventh day.

Jesus brings division:

Mt 10:34-35

34t “Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword.

35For I have come to set

a man ‘against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

36and one’s enemies will be those of his household.’

Luke 12:51-53

51Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?v No, I tell you, but rather division.w

52From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three;

53a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

Caesarea Philippi, Peter quotes you are the Christ & Peter is the rock:

MT 16:13-20

13^h When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi^{*} he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

14ⁱ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist,^{*} others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16^{* i} Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood^{*} has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

18^k And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church,^{*} and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

19^l I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.^{*} Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

20^{* m} Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

Mark 8:27-30

27Now Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi.^h Along the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

28They said in reply, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets.”

29And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Messiah.”

30Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Luke 9:18-21

18ⁱ Once when Jesus was praying in solitude,^{*} and the disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”

19They said in reply, “John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, ‘One of the ancient prophets has arisen.’”^k

20Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said in reply, “The Messiah of God.”^{*}

21He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone.

Disciples argue who order:

Mt 18:1-4

1^a At that time the disciples^{*} approached Jesus and said, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

2 He called a child over, placed it in their midst,

3^b and said, “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,^{*} you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

4^c Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5^{*} And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.

Mark 9:33-36

33 They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”ⁱ

34 But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.

35 Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”ⁱ

36 Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them,

37 “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”^k

Luke 9:46

46^{*} An argument arose among the disciples about which of them was the greatest.^x

47 Jesus realized the intention of their hearts and took a child and placed it by his side

48 and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest.”^y

Forgiveness

MT 18:21 – 35

21ⁿ Then Peter approaching asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

22^{*} Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

23^o That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

24^{*} When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.

Luke 17:3-4

3 Be on your guard!^{*} If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.^b

4 And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, ‘I am sorry,’ you should forgive him.”^c