

# Outline of the Messages for the Memorial Day Conference

## May 27-30, 2011

### GENERAL SUBJECT: THE CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF THE BIBLE

#### Message Two

#### The All-inclusive Christ in the Gospel of Matthew

Scripture Reading: Matt. 1:1; 16:16; 4:16; 9:12, 15-17, 36, 38; 15:26-27; 28:18-19

- Matt **1:1** The book of the <sup>a</sup>generation of <sup>1</sup>Jesus <sup>2b</sup>Christ, the <sup>3c</sup>son of David, the <sup>4d</sup>son of Abraham:  
Matt **16:16** And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the <sup>1a</sup>Christ, the <sup>b</sup>Son of the <sup>2c</sup>living God.  
Matt **4:16** The people sitting in darkness have seen a <sup>1</sup>great <sup>a</sup>light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen."  
Matt **9:12** Now when He heard *this*, He said, Those who are strong have no need of a <sup>1</sup>physician, but those who are <sup>2</sup>ill.  
Matt **9:15** And Jesus said to them, The <sup>1</sup>sons of the bridechamber cannot mourn as long as the <sup>2a</sup>bridegroom is with them, can they? But <sup>b</sup>days will come when the bridegroom will be <sup>3</sup>taken away from them, and then they will <sup>c</sup>fast.  
Matt **9:16** No one puts a patch of <sup>1</sup>unfulled cloth on an <sup>2</sup>old garment, for that which fills it up pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.  
Matt **9:17** Neither do they put <sup>1</sup>new wine into <sup>2a</sup>old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into <sup>3b</sup>fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.  
Matt **9:36** And seeing the crowds, He was moved with <sup>a</sup>compassion for them, because they were <sup>1</sup>harassed and cast away like <sup>2b</sup>sheep not having a shepherd.  
Matt **9:38** Therefore <sup>1</sup>beseech the <sup>2</sup>Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out <sup>a</sup>workers <sup>3</sup>into His harvest.  
Matt **15:26** But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children's <sup>1</sup>bread and throw *it* to the <sup>2</sup>little <sup>a</sup>dogs.  
Matt **15:27** And she said, Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs eat of the <sup>1</sup>crumbs which fall from their masters' <sup>a</sup>table.  
Matt **28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All <sup>1</sup>authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.  
Matt **28:19** Go <sup>1</sup>therefore and <sup>2</sup>disciple all the <sup>a</sup>nations, <sup>3</sup>baptizing them <sup>4</sup>into the <sup>5</sup>name of the <sup>6</sup>Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

#### I. Christ is the son of David and the son of Abraham—Matt. 1:1:

- Matt **1:1** The book of the <sup>a</sup>generation of <sup>1</sup>Jesus <sup>2b</sup>Christ, the <sup>3c</sup>son of David, the <sup>4d</sup>son of Abraham:
- A. Solomon, the son of David, is a type of Christ inheriting the kingdom (2 Sam. 7:12b, 13b; Jer. 23:5; Luke 1:32-33), having wisdom and speaking the word of wisdom (Matt. 12:42), and building the temple of God (2 Sam. 7:13a).
- 2 Sam **7:12b** ... I will raise up your seed after you, which will come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.  
2 Sam **7:13b** ... and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.  
Jer **23:5** Indeed, days are coming, Declares Jehovah, When I will raise up to David a righteous Shoot; And He will reign as King and act prudently And will execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
Luke **1:32** He will be <sup>a</sup>great and will be called <sup>b</sup>Son of the <sup>1c</sup>Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the <sup>d</sup>throne of <sup>2c</sup>David His father,  
Luke **1:33** And He will <sup>1</sup>reign over the house of Jacob <sup>a</sup>forever, and of His <sup>2</sup>kingdom there will be <sup>b</sup>no end.  
Matt **12:42** The <sup>a</sup>queen of the south will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something <sup>1b</sup>more than Solomon is here.  
2 Sam **7:13b** It is he who will build a house for My name, ...
- B. Isaac, the son of Abraham, is a type of Christ as the promised One who brought the blessing to all the nations (Gen. 22:18; Gal. 3:16, 14), who was offered to God unto death and was resurrected (Gen. 22:1-12; Heb. 11:17, 19), and who will receive the bride (Gen. 24:67; John 3:29; Rev. 19:7).

- Gen 22:18 And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.
- Gal 3:16 But <sup>a</sup>to Abraham were the <sup>b</sup>promises spoken and <sup>c</sup>to his <sup>d</sup>seed. He does not say, "And to the seeds," as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is <sup>e</sup>Christ.
- Gal 3:14 In order that the <sup>1a</sup>blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles <sup>b</sup>in Christ Jesus, that we might <sup>2c</sup>receive the <sup>d</sup>promise of the <sup>3e</sup>Spirit through <sup>f</sup>faith.
- Gen 22:1 Now after these things God tested Abraham and said to him, Abraham. And he said, Here I am.
- Gen 22:2 And He said, Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.
- Gen 22:3 And Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son. And he split the wood for the burnt offering and rose up and went to the place of which God had told him.
- Gen 22:4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.
- Gen 22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, Stay here with the donkey; and I and the boy will go over there, and we will worship and then return to you.
- Gen 22:6 And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked together.
- Gen 22:7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. And he said, The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?
- Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, God Himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son. So the two of them walked on together.
- Gen 22:9 And they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.
- Gen 22:10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.
- Gen 22:11 And the Angel of Jehovah called to him from the heavens and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here I am.
- Gen 22:12 And he said, Do not stretch out your hand upon the boy, nor do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.
- Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, being tested, <sup>a</sup>offered up Isaac; indeed he who gladly received the <sup>b</sup>promises was offering up his only begotten,
- Heb 11:19 Counting that God was <sup>a</sup>able to <sup>b</sup>raise *men* even from the dead, from which he also received him back in <sup>1</sup>figure.
- Gen 24:67 And Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother. And he took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after the death of his mother.
- John 3:29 <sup>a</sup>He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.
- Rev 19:7 Let us <sup>a</sup>rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the <sup>1b</sup>marriage of the Lamb has come, and His <sup>2c</sup>wife has made herself <sup>d</sup>ready.

## II. Christ is the heavenly King—Matt. 2:1-2; 21:5:

- Matt 2:1 Now after Jesus was <sup>a</sup>born in <sup>1b</sup>Bethlehem of Judea in the days of <sup>c</sup>Herod the king, behold, <sup>d</sup>magi from the <sup>e</sup>east arrived in Jerusalem,
- Matt 2:2 Saying, Where is He who has been born <sup>1a</sup>King of the Jews? For we saw His <sup>2b</sup>star at its rising and have come to <sup>c</sup>worship Him.
- Matt 21:5 <sup>a</sup>"Say to the <sup>1</sup>daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you, <sup>b</sup>meek and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, a <sup>2</sup>foal of a beast of burden."
- A. Matthew proves that Jesus is the King, the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament—1:1, 17; 2:1-2; 27:11, 37.
- Matt 1:1 The book of the <sup>a</sup>generation of <sup>1</sup>Jesus <sup>2b</sup>Christ, the <sup>3c</sup>son of David, the <sup>4d</sup>son of Abraham:
- Matt 1:17 Thus <sup>1</sup>all the generations from Abraham <sup>2</sup>until David are fourteen generations, and from David <sup>3</sup>until the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon <sup>4</sup>until the Christ, fourteen generations.
- Matt 2:1 Now after Jesus was <sup>a</sup>born in <sup>1b</sup>Bethlehem of Judea in the days of <sup>c</sup>Herod the king, behold, <sup>d</sup>magi from the <sup>e</sup>east arrived in Jerusalem,

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Matt 27:11 <sup>a</sup>And Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, Are You the <sup>b</sup>King of the Jews? And Jesus said, <sup>ε</sup>It is as you say.

Matt 27:37 <sup>a</sup>And they set in writing over His head the charge against Him: This Is Jesus, The King Of The Jews.

B. The heavenly King did not come with haughty splendor but with gentle, humble meekness—21:5.

Matt 21:5 <sup>a</sup>Say to the <sup>1</sup>daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you, <sup>b</sup>meek and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, a <sup>2</sup>foal of a beast of burden."

### III. The Lord Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God—16:16:

Matt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the <sup>1a</sup>Christ, the <sup>b</sup>Son of the <sup>2c</sup>living God.

A. *The Christ* refers to the anointed One of God and speaks of the Lord's commission to accomplish God's eternal purpose through His crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and second coming—vv. 21, 27.

Matt 16:21 <sup>a</sup>From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He <sup>1</sup>must go to <sup>b</sup>Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be <sup>ε</sup>killed and on the third day be raised.

Matt 16:27 <sup>1</sup>For the <sup>a</sup>Son of Man is to <sup>b</sup>come in the <sup>ε</sup>glory of His Father with His <sup>d</sup>angels, and then He will <sup>2ε</sup>repay each man according to his doings.

B. *The Son of the living God* speaks of His person, which embodies the Father and consummates in the Spirit for a full expression of the Triune God—John 14:10-11a; 1 Cor. 15:45b.

John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am <sup>a</sup>in the <sup>b</sup>Father and the Father is in Me? The <sup>1c</sup>words that I say to you I do not speak <sup>d</sup>from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

John 14:11a Believe Me that I am <sup>a</sup>in the Father and the Father is in Me; ...

1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam *became* a <sup>ε</sup>life-giving Spirit.

### IV. Christ is the Son of Man—Matt. 8:20; 11:19; 13:37; 16:13:

Matt 8:20 And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven *have* roosts, but the <sup>1a</sup>Son of Man has <sup>2</sup>nowhere to lay His head.

Matt 11:19 The <sup>a</sup>Son of Man came <sup>1b</sup>eating and drinking; and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a <sup>2</sup>friend of <sup>c</sup>tax collectors and sinners. Yet <sup>3d</sup>wisdom is justified by her <sup>4</sup>works.

Matt 13:37 And He answered and said, He who sows the good seed is the <sup>a</sup>Son of Man;

Matt 16:13 <sup>a</sup>Now when Jesus came into the parts of <sup>1</sup>Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Who do men say that the <sup>2b</sup>Son of Man is?

A. Christ is the man who brings God's dominion to earth and makes God's name excellent on earth—9:6; 12:8; 13:41; 16:27-28.

Matt 9:6 But that you may know that the <sup>a</sup>Son of Man has <sup>1</sup>authority on earth to <sup>b</sup>forgive sins—then He said to the paralytic, Rise, <sup>2c</sup>take up your bed and <sup>3</sup>go to your house.

Matt 12:8 For the <sup>a</sup>Son of Man is <sup>1</sup>Lord of the Sabbath.

Matt 13:41 The <sup>a</sup>Son of Man will send <sup>1</sup>His angels, and they will collect out of His <sup>b</sup>kingdom all the <sup>ε</sup>stumbling blocks and those who practice <sup>d</sup>lawlessness,

Matt 16:27 <sup>1</sup>For the <sup>a</sup>Son of Man is to <sup>b</sup>come in the <sup>ε</sup>glory of His Father with His <sup>d</sup>angels, and then He will <sup>2ε</sup>repay each man according to his doings.

Matt 16:28 Truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the Son of Man <sup>1a</sup>coming in His kingdom.

B. In order for the kingdom of the heavens to be established, the Lord Jesus stood as a victorious man—a man who could defeat Satan and withstand any hardship, opposition, or attack—4:4; 12:40; 26:64.

Matt 4:4 But He answered and said, <sup>1</sup>It is written, "<sup>2a</sup>Man shall not live on <sup>3</sup>bread alone, but on every <sup>4b</sup>word that proceeds out through the <sup>5</sup>mouth of God."

Matt 12:40 For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish <sup>a</sup>three days and three nights, so will the <sup>b</sup>Son of Man be in the <sup>1c</sup>heart of the earth <sup>d</sup>three days and three nights.

Matt 26:64 Jesus said to him, <sup>a</sup>You have said *rightly*. Nevertheless I say to you, From now on you will see the <sup>1b</sup>Son of Man <sup>c</sup>sitting at the right hand of Power and <sup>d</sup>coming on the <sup>e</sup>clouds of heaven.

## V. Christ is the Baptizer—3:11:

Matt 3:11 I baptize you in <sup>a</sup>water unto <sup>b</sup>repentance, but <sup>c</sup>He who is coming after me is stronger than I, whose <sup>d</sup>sandals I am not worthy to carry. He Himself will baptize you in the Holy <sup>e</sup>Spirit and <sup>f</sup>fire,

A. The Lord's baptism in the Holy Spirit, which is based on His redemption, initiated the kingdom of the heavens, bringing His believers into the kingdom of the heavens—v. 12a.

Matt 3:12a Whose <sup>a</sup>winnowing fan is in His hand. And He will thoroughly cleanse His threshing floor and will <sup>b</sup>gather His <sup>1</sup>wheat into His barn, ...

B. The Lord's baptism in fire, which is based on His judgment, will conclude the kingdom of the heavens, putting the unbelievers into the lake of fire—v. 12b.

Matt 3:12b ... but the chaff He will burn up with unquenchable <sup>c</sup>fire.

## VI. Christ is the light of life shining in the darkness of death—4:12-16:

Matt 4:12 Now when He heard that <sup>a</sup>John was delivered up, He <sup>1</sup>withdrew into <sup>b</sup>Galilee.

Matt 4:13 And leaving <sup>a</sup>Nazareth, He came and dwelt in <sup>b</sup>Capernaum, which is beside the sea in the borders of <sup>c</sup>Zebulun and <sup>d</sup>Naphtali,

Matt 4:14 In order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

Matt 4:15 "<sup>a</sup>Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, <sup>1</sup>Galilee of the Gentiles:

Matt 4:16 The people sitting in darkness have seen a <sup>1</sup>great <sup>a</sup>light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen."

A. Christ's ministry for the kingdom of the heavens began not with earthly power but with heavenly light.

B. The Lord Jesus attracted the disciples to Himself as the great light for the establishment of the kingdom of the heavens.

## VII. Christ is the Physician and the Bridegroom—9:9-15:

Matt 9:9 <sup>a</sup>And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man sitting at the tax office, called <sup>1b</sup>Matthew, and He said to him, <sup>2c</sup>Follow Me. And he rose and <sup>3</sup>followed Him.

Matt 9:10 And as He was reclining *at table* in the <sup>1</sup>house, behold, many <sup>2a</sup>tax collectors and <sup>b</sup>sinners came and reclined together with Jesus and His disciples.

Matt 9:11 And when the <sup>1</sup>Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, <sup>2</sup>Why does your Teacher eat with the tax collectors and sinners?

Matt 9:12 Now when He heard *this*, He said, Those who are strong have no need of a <sup>1</sup>physician, but those who are <sup>2</sup>ill.

Matt 9:13 But go and <sup>1</sup>learn what *this* means, "<sup>a</sup>I desire <sup>2</sup>mercy and not <sup>b</sup>sacrifice," for I did not come to call the <sup>3c</sup>righteous, but <sup>d</sup>sinners.

Matt 9:14 <sup>a</sup>Then the <sup>b</sup>disciples of John came to Him, saying, <sup>1</sup>Why do we and the Pharisees <sup>2c</sup>fast <sup>3</sup>much, but Your <sup>d</sup>disciples do <sup>4</sup>not fast?

Matt 9:15 And Jesus said to them, The <sup>1</sup>sons of the bridechamber cannot mourn as long as the <sup>2a</sup>bridegroom is with them, can they? But <sup>b</sup>days will come when the bridegroom will be <sup>3</sup>taken away from them, and then they will <sup>c</sup>fast.

A. He came as a Physician to heal and enliven us so that we might be reconstituted to be citizens of the kingdom of the heavens—vv. 9-13.

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- B. We need to appreciate Him as the Bridegroom that we might have the enjoyment of living in His presence—vv. 14-15.

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Matt 9:15 And Jesus said to them, The <sup>1</sup>sons of the bridechamber cannot mourn as long as the <sup>2a</sup>bridegroom is with them, can they? But <sup>b</sup>days will come when the bridegroom will be <sup>3</sup>taken away from them, and then they will <sup>e</sup>fast.

### VIII. Christ is the unfulled cloth for making a new garment—v. 16; Luke 5:36:

Matt 9:16 No one puts a patch of <sup>1</sup>unfulled cloth on an <sup>2</sup>old garment, for that which fills it up pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.

Luke 5:36 And He also spoke a parable to them: No one tears a patch from a new garment and puts *it* on an old garment; otherwise, <sup>1</sup>he will tear the new *garment*, and also the patch from the new will not match the old.

- A. From His incarnation to His crucifixion, He was the unfulled cloth for making a new garment.

- B. Through His death and resurrection, Christ was made a new garment to cover us as our righteousness before God that we might be justified by God and be acceptable to Him—15:22; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 1:30.

Luke 15:22 <sup>1</sup>But the father said to his slaves, Bring out <sup>2</sup>quickly <sup>3</sup>the <sup>4</sup>best <sup>5</sup>robe and put *it* on him, and put a <sup>6</sup>ring on his hand and <sup>7</sup>sandals on his feet.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were <sup>a</sup>baptized <sup>1</sup>into Christ have <sup>b</sup>put on Christ.

1 Cor 1:30 But <sup>1a</sup>of Him you are <sup>b</sup>in Christ Jesus, who became <sup>c</sup>wisdom to us from God: both <sup>2d</sup>righteousness and <sup>e</sup>sanctification and <sup>f</sup>redemption,

### IX. The individual Christ is the new wine, and the corporate Christ is the fresh wineskin—Matt. 9:17:

Matt 9:17 Neither do they put <sup>1</sup>new wine into <sup>2a</sup>old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into <sup>3b</sup>fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.

- A. The new wine signifies Christ as the new life, full of vigor and cheering strength, stirring us to excitement and satisfying us.

- B. The fresh wineskin signifies the corporate Christ, the outward container that holds the new wine—1 Cor. 12:12.

1 Cor 12:12 <sup>1</sup>For even as <sup>2</sup>the body is <sup>a</sup>one and has many <sup>b</sup>members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

### X. Christ is the Shepherd—Matt. 9:36:

Matt 9:36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with <sup>a</sup>compassion for them, because they were <sup>1</sup>harassed and cast away like <sup>2b</sup>sheep not having a shepherd.

- A. In verse 36 *harassed* refers to the sheep's being skinned by cruel shepherds and thus suffering pain, and cast away refers to the sheep's being abandoned by wicked shepherds and falling into a distressed condition in which they are homeless and helpless.

- B. In His ministry for the establishing of His heavenly kingdom, the Lord Jesus ministered as a Shepherd—v. 36.

Matt 9:36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with <sup>a</sup>compassion for them, because they were <sup>1</sup>harassed and cast away like <sup>2b</sup>sheep not having a shepherd.

### XI. Christ is the Lord of the harvest—vv. 37-38:

Matt 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, The <sup>1a</sup>harvest is great, but the workers few;

Matt 9:38 Therefore <sup>1</sup>beseech the <sup>2</sup>Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out <sup>a</sup>workers <sup>3</sup>into His harvest.

A. As the Lord of the harvest, the Lord who owns the crop, Christ establishes His kingdom with things of life that can grow and multiply—v. 38.

Matt 9:38 Therefore <sup>1</sup>beseech the <sup>2</sup>Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out <sup>a</sup>workers <sup>3</sup>into His harvest.

B. If we see the vision of Christ as the Lord of the harvest, we will beseech Him to thrust out workers into His harvest—vv. 37-38.

Matt 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, The <sup>1a</sup>harvest is great, but the workers few;

Matt 9:38 Therefore <sup>1</sup>beseech the <sup>2</sup>Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out <sup>a</sup>workers <sup>3</sup>into His harvest.

## XII. Christ is the Friend of sinners and the wisdom of God—11:19:

Matt 11:19 The <sup>a</sup>Son of Man came <sup>1b</sup>eating and drinking; and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a <sup>2</sup>friend of <sup>c</sup>tax collectors and sinners. Yet <sup>3d</sup>wisdom is justified by her <sup>4</sup>works.

A. As the Friend of sinners, Christ sympathizes with their problems and senses their grief—v. 19a.

Matt 11:19a The <sup>a</sup>Son of Man came <sup>1b</sup>eating and drinking; and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a <sup>2</sup>friend of <sup>c</sup>tax collectors and sinners. ...

B. Whatever Christ did was done by the wisdom of God, which is Himself; this wisdom was vindicated by His wise works—v. 19b; 1 Cor. 1:24, 30.

Matt 11:19b ... Yet <sup>3d</sup>wisdom is justified by her <sup>4</sup>works.

1 Cor 1:24 But to <sup>1</sup>those who are <sup>a</sup>called, both <sup>b</sup>Jews and Greeks, Christ the <sup>2c</sup>power of God and the <sup>d</sup>wisdom of God.

1 Cor 1:30 But <sup>1a</sup>of Him you are <sup>b</sup>in Christ Jesus, who became <sup>c</sup>wisdom to us from God: both <sup>2d</sup>righteousness and <sup>e</sup>sanctification and <sup>f</sup>redemption,

## XIII. Christ is the One who gives rest—Matt. 11:28-30:

Matt 11:28 <sup>a</sup>Come to Me all who <sup>1b</sup>toil and are burdened, and I will give you <sup>2</sup>rest.

Matt 11:29 <sup>1</sup>Take My <sup>2</sup>yoke upon you and <sup>a</sup>learn from Me, for I am <sup>3b</sup>meek and lowly in heart, and you will find <sup>c</sup>rest for your <sup>4</sup>souls.

Matt 11:30 For My <sup>1</sup>yoke is <sup>2a</sup>easy and My burden is light.

A. To take the Lord's yoke is to take the will of the Father and to be constrained by the will of the Father—v. 29; John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38.

Matt 11:29 <sup>1</sup>Take My <sup>2</sup>yoke upon you and <sup>a</sup>learn from Me, for I am <sup>3b</sup>meek and lowly in heart, and you will find <sup>c</sup>rest for your <sup>4</sup>souls.

John 4:34 Jesus said <sup>a</sup>to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and <sup>b</sup>to finish His work.

John 5:30 <sup>a</sup>I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and <sup>b</sup>My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own <sup>c</sup>will but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 6:38 For <sup>a</sup>I have come down from heaven <sup>b</sup>not to do My own <sup>c</sup>will but the will of Him who sent Me.

B. Because the Lord was always satisfied with the Father's will, He always had rest in His heart; now He asks us to learn from Him—Matt. 11:28-30.

Matt 11:28 <sup>a</sup>Come to Me all who <sup>1b</sup>toil and are burdened, and I will give you <sup>2</sup>rest.

Matt 11:29 <sup>1</sup>Take My <sup>2</sup>yoke upon you and <sup>a</sup>learn from Me, for I am <sup>3b</sup>meek and lowly in heart, and you will find <sup>c</sup>rest for your <sup>4</sup>souls.

Matt 11:30 For My <sup>1</sup>yoke is <sup>2a</sup>easy and My burden is light.

## XIV. Christ as the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath—12:8:

Matt 12:8 For the <sup>a</sup>Son of Man is <sup>1</sup>Lord of the Sabbath.

A. As the Lord of the Sabbath, He had the right to change the regulations concerning the Sabbath.

B. He was above all rituals and regulations; He could do whatever He liked on the Sabbath, and whatever He did was justified by Himself.

## XV. Christ is greater than the temple—v. 6:

Matt 12:6 But I say to you that something <sup>1a</sup>greater than the <sup>b</sup>temple is here.

- A. In verse 6 we have a type-fulfilling turn from the temple to a person who is greater than the temple.
- B. Since the priests were guiltless in acting on the Sabbath in the temple, the Lord's disciples were guiltless in acting on the Sabbath in Christ, who is greater than the temple.

## XVI. Christ is the greater Jonah—vv. 39-41; 16:4:

Matt 12:39 <sup>a</sup>But He answered and said to them, An <sup>b</sup>evil and adulterous <sup>1</sup>generation seeks after a sign, and a sign shall not be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

Matt 12:40 For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish <sup>a</sup>three days and three nights, so will the <sup>b</sup>Son of Man be in the <sup>1c</sup>heart of the earth <sup>d</sup>three days and three nights.

Matt 12:41 <sup>a</sup>Ninevite men will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they <sup>b</sup>repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something <sup>1c</sup>more than Jonah is here.

Matt 16:4 An <sup>a</sup>evil and adulterous generation seeks after a <sup>1</sup>sign, and a sign shall not be given to it, except the sign of <sup>b</sup>Jonah. And He <sup>c</sup>left them and went away.

- A. Jonah is a type of Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection—12:39-41.

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Matt 12:41 <sup>a</sup>Ninevite men will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they <sup>b</sup>repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something <sup>1c</sup>more than Jonah is here.

- B. For the evil and adulterous Jewish and religious generation, the Lord Jesus would do nothing but die and be resurrected as the greatest sign to them that they might be saved if they would believe—16:4.

Matt 16:4 An <sup>a</sup>evil and adulterous generation seeks after a <sup>1</sup>sign, and a sign shall not be given to it, except the sign of <sup>b</sup>Jonah. And He <sup>c</sup>left them and went away.

## XVII. Christ is the greater Solomon—12:42:

Matt 12:42 The <sup>a</sup>queen of the south will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something <sup>1b</sup>more than Solomon is here.

- A. Solomon is a type of Christ, the King, who is building the church, making it the temple of God—1 Kings 6:2; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Eph. 2:21.

1 Kings 6:2 And the house which King Solomon built to Jehovah was sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide and thirty cubits high.

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the <sup>1a</sup>temple of God, and *that* the <sup>b</sup>Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Cor 3:17 If anyone <sup>1a</sup>destroys the temple of God, God will <sup>2</sup>destroy him; for the temple of God is <sup>3</sup>holy, and <sup>4</sup>such are you.

Eph 2:21 In <sup>1</sup>whom <sup>2</sup>all the building, being <sup>3a</sup>fitted together, is <sup>4b</sup>growing into a holy <sup>5c</sup>temple <sup>6</sup>in the Lord;

- B. According to spiritual significance, Christ as the greater Jonah precedes Christ as the greater Solomon, for first He had to die and be resurrected and then build the church as the temple of God—Matt. 16:18, 21.

Matt 16:18 And I <sup>1</sup>also say to you that you are <sup>2a</sup>Peter, and upon <sup>3</sup>this <sup>b</sup>rock I will <sup>4c</sup>build My <sup>5d</sup>church, and the <sup>6c</sup>gates of <sup>f</sup>Hades shall not prevail <sup>g</sup>against it.

Matt 16:21 <sup>a</sup>From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He <sup>1</sup>must go to <sup>b</sup>Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be <sup>c</sup>killed and on the third day be raised.

## XVIII. Christ is the One who found a treasure hidden in the field, and He is the merchant seeking fine pearls—13:44-46:

Matt 13:44 The kingdom of the heavens is like a <sup>1</sup>treasure hidden in the <sup>2a</sup>field, which a <sup>3</sup>man found and <sup>b</sup>hid, and in his joy goes and sells all that he has, and <sup>c</sup>buys that field.

Matt 13:45 Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a <sup>1</sup>merchant seeking fine pearls;

- Matt 13:46 And finding one <sup>1a</sup>pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and <sup>b</sup>bought it.
- A. Christ found the kingdom of the heavens, and in His joy He went to the cross to sell all that He had to buy the field, that is, redeem the created and lost earth, for the kingdom—v. 44.
- Matt 13:44 The kingdom of the heavens is like a <sup>1</sup>treasure hidden in the <sup>2a</sup>field, which a <sup>3</sup>man found and <sup>b</sup>hid, and in his joy goes and sells all that he has, and <sup>c</sup>buys that field.
- B. Christ was seeking the church for His kingdom, and He went to the cross and sold all that He had and bought it for the kingdom—vv. 45-46.
- Matt 13:45 Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a <sup>1</sup>merchant seeking fine pearls;
- Matt 13:46 And finding one <sup>1a</sup>pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and <sup>b</sup>bought it.

## XIX. Christ is the bread and the crumbs under the table—15:21-38:

- Matt 15:21 <sup>a</sup>And Jesus went from there and withdrew into the parts of <sup>1b</sup>Tyre and Sidon.
- Matt 15:22 And behold, a <sup>1a</sup>Canaanite woman came out from those borders and cried out, saying, Have mercy on me, <sup>2</sup>Lord, <sup>b</sup>Son of David! My daughter suffers terribly from demon possession.
- Matt 15:23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, Send her away, for she is crying out after us.
- Matt 15:24 But He answered and said, I was not <sup>1</sup>sent except to the lost sheep of the <sup>a</sup>house of Israel.
- Matt 15:25 But she came and <sup>1a</sup>worshipped Him, saying, <sup>2</sup>Lord, help me!
- Matt 15:26 But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children's <sup>1</sup>bread and throw *it* to the <sup>2</sup>little <sup>a</sup>dogs.
- Matt 15:27 And she said, Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs eat of the <sup>1</sup>crumbs which fall from their masters' <sup>a</sup>table.
- Matt 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is your <sup>a</sup>faith! Be it <sup>b</sup>done to you as you wish. And her daughter was healed from that <sup>c</sup>hour.
- Matt 15:29 <sup>a</sup>And Jesus departed from there and came beside the <sup>b</sup>Sea of <sup>1</sup>Galilee; and He went up to the <sup>c</sup>mountain and sat there.
- Matt 15:30 And great crowds came to Him, having with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the dumb, and many other *sick ones*; and they <sup>1</sup>laid them at His feet, and He healed them,
- Matt 15:31 So that the crowd marveled, because they saw the <sup>a</sup>dumb speaking, the crippled healthy and the lame walking, and the <sup>b</sup>blind seeing. And they <sup>c</sup>glorified the <sup>d</sup>God of Israel.
- Matt 15:32 <sup>a</sup>And Jesus called His disciples to *Him* and said, I am moved with <sup>b</sup>compassion for the crowd, because for three days now they have remained with Me and they do <sup>1</sup>not have anything to eat. And I am not willing to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.
- Matt 15:33 And the disciples said to Him, Where *can* we *get* so many loaves in *this* <sup>1</sup>desolate place to <sup>a</sup>satisfy so great a crowd?
- Matt 15:34 And Jesus said to them, <sup>1</sup>How many loaves do you have? And they said, Seven, and a few small fish.
- Matt 15:35 And after He commanded the crowd to recline on the ground,
- Matt 15:36 He <sup>1</sup>took the <sup>a</sup>seven loaves and the fish, and giving <sup>b</sup>thanks, He broke *them* and gave *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.
- Matt 15:37 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over of the <sup>a</sup>broken pieces, seven baskets full.
- Matt 15:38 And those who ate were four thousand men, apart from women and children.
- A. God's economy is not a matter of outward things but of Christ coming into us as food—vv. 26, 34, 36.
- Matt 15:26 But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children's <sup>1</sup>bread and throw *it* to the <sup>2</sup>little <sup>a</sup>dogs.
- Matt 15:34 And Jesus said to them, <sup>1</sup>How many loaves do you have? And they said, Seven, and a few small fish.
- Matt 15:36 He <sup>1</sup>took the <sup>a</sup>seven loaves and the fish, and giving <sup>b</sup>thanks, He broke *them* and gave *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.
- B. We need to take in the edible Christ by eating Him as bread, even as the crumbs under the table—v. 27.
- Matt 15:27 And she said, Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs eat of the <sup>1</sup>crumbs which fall from their masters' <sup>a</sup>table.

## **XX. Christ in His humanity is the resurrected One with all authority in heaven and on earth—28:18-19:**

**Matt 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All <sup>1</sup>authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**Matt 28:19** Go <sup>1</sup>therefore and <sup>2</sup>disciple all the <sup>a</sup>nations, <sup>3</sup>baptizing them <sup>4</sup>into the <sup>5</sup>name of the <sup>6</sup>Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

A. In His humanity, as the Son of Man and the heavenly King, all authority was given to Christ after His resurrection—v. 18.

**Matt 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All <sup>1</sup>authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

B. Because the Gospel of Matthew is concerned for the kingdom and the kingdom requires authority, in Matthew Christ's resurrection is a matter of authority for discipling the nations—v. 19.

**Matt 28:19** Go <sup>1</sup>therefore and <sup>2</sup>disciple all the <sup>a</sup>nations, <sup>3</sup>baptizing them <sup>4</sup>into the <sup>5</sup>name of the <sup>6</sup>Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,