

Who is This? part 2

Matthew 20:29-22:14

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Ten observations about Jesus on the road to the cross:

1. Compassionate

Matthew 20:29 And as they were going out from Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

³⁰ And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

³¹ And the multitude sternly told them to be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

³² And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

³³ They said to Him, "Lord, *we want* our eyes to be opened."

³⁴ And moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

2. Meek

21:1 And when they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

² saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied *there* and a colt with her; untie *them*, and bring *them* to Me.

³ "And if anyone says something to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

⁴ Now this took place that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold your King is coming to you, Gentle, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

3. Savior and King

⁶ And the disciples went and did just as Jesus had directed them,

⁷ and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid on them their garments, on which He sat.

⁸ And most of the multitude spread their garments in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees, and spreading them in the road.

⁹ And the multitudes going before Him, and those who followed after were crying out, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!"

¹⁰ And when He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

¹¹ And the multitudes were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee."

4. Angry

¹² And Jesus entered the temple and cast out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling doves.

¹³ And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a robbers' den."

5. Winsome to the weak

¹⁴ And *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant,

¹⁶ and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou hast prepared praise for Thyself'?"

6. Curses religion and empowers faith

¹⁷ And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there.

¹⁸ Now in the morning, when He returned to the city, He became hungry.

¹⁹ And seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it, and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, "No longer shall there ever be *any* fruit from you." And at once the fig tree withered.

²⁰ And seeing *this*, the disciples marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?"

²¹ And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith, and do not doubt, you shall not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it shall happen.

²² "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive."

7. Authoritative

²³ And when He had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?"

²⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, "I will ask you one thing too, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵ "The baptism of John was from what *source*, from heaven or from men?" And they *began* reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?'

²⁶ "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude; for they all hold John to be a prophet."

²⁷ And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

8. Accepts the worst believers not the talkers

²⁸ "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'

²⁹ "And he answered and said, 'I will, sir'; and he did not go.

³⁰ "And he came to the second and said the same thing. But he answered and said, 'I will not'; yet he afterward regretted *it* and went.

³¹ "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The latter." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax-gatherers and harlots will get into the kingdom of God before you.

³² "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax-gatherers and harlots did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

9. The Cornerstone

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard and put a wall around it and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey.

³⁴ "And when the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce.

³⁵ "And the vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third.

³⁶ "Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them.

³⁷ "But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

³⁸ "But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and seize his inheritance.'

³⁹ "And they took him, and threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ "Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?"

⁴¹ They said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers, who will pay him the proceeds at the *proper* seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the builders rejected, This became the chief corner *stone*; This came about from the Lord, And it is marvelous in our eyes '?"

⁴³ "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it.

⁴⁴ "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

⁴⁵ And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.

⁴⁶ And when they sought to seize Him, they feared the multitudes, because they held Him to be a prophet.

10. Invites everyone and chooses few

22:1 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again in parables, saying,

² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king, who gave a wedding feast for his son.

³ "And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.

⁴ "Again he sent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are *all* butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast."

⁵ "But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business,

⁶ and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.

⁷ "But the king was enraged and sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and set their city on fire.

⁸ "Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.'

⁹ 'Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find *there*, invite to the wedding feast.'

¹⁰ "And those slaves went out into the streets, and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw there a man not dressed in wedding clothes,

¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And he was speechless.

¹³ "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

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