

WHY CHRIST CAME

PART VIII -- {Sunday, February 22, 2015 A.D.}

FOCUS THEME:

Christ came to serve.

Christ came to demonstrate true humility
Christ came to give us a clear conscience:
Christ came to reveal God's love for sinners:
Christ came to make His Cross the ground of all boasting:
Christ came to receive our worship:
Christ came to free us from our slavery to the fear of death:
Christ came to bring the Light/Life of God to a dark/dead world

FOCUS TEXT:

Mark 10:23-45 (NASB95)

²³ And Jesus, looking around, said* to His disciples, "**How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!**"

²⁴ **The disciples were amazed at His words.** But Jesus answered* again and said* to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ **They were even more astonished** and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Looking at them, Jesus said*, "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

²⁸ Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, **we have left everything and followed You.**" ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, ³⁰ but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹ **"But many who are first will be last, and the last, first."**

³² They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and **they were amazed**, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, ³³ *saying*, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ **"They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again."**

³⁵ James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came* up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, **we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.**"

³⁶ And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" ³⁷ They said to Him, "**Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory.**" ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "**You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?**" ³⁹ They said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. ⁴⁰ "But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ Hearing *this*, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John. ⁴² Calling them to Himself, Jesus said* to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. ⁴³ "But it is not this way among you, but **whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.** ⁴⁵ **"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."**

Luke 16:13 (NASB95)

¹³ "No servant can **serve two masters**; for either he will hate the one and **love** the other, or else he will be **devoted** to one and despise the other. You cannot **serve God and wealth.**"

Matthew 6:21 (NASB95)

²¹ for **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

John 4:34 (NASB95)

³⁴ Jesus said* to them, "My food is **to do the will of Him who sent Me** and **to accomplish His work.**

John 6:38 (NASB95)

³⁸ "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but **the will of Him who sent Me.**

Matthew 7:21 (NASB95)

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.**

Matthew 12:50 (NASB95)

⁵⁰ "For whoever **does the will of My Father who is in heaven**, he is **My brother and sister** and mother."

Matthew 26:39 (NASB95)

³⁹ And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet **not as I will, but as You will.**"

