

Non-Negotiables of a Disciple

Part 2- The Worth of Jesus

Matthew 10

Introduction

● We learned last week that:

1. No disciple is a _____ his teacher and no slave is a _____ his master (v. 24)
2. If we are d_____ of Jesus and slaves of Jesus, we then must submit to His authority.
3. His w_____ (what He has said) is non-negotiable – the B_____ is His word.

● Today we will look at the w_____ of Jesus.

1. The Pharisees viewed Jesus as worthless by claiming He was possessed by the d_____ (Beelzebul was the nickname for Satan – Mk 3:22; Matt 9:34)
2. The worth of Jesus is not in the e_____ of the beholder, but is objective.
3. His worth s_____ everyone's and everything's worth, individually and combined.

● Does your life demonstrate the objective worth of Jesus?

Does your life demonstrate that Jesus is worth more than your comfort? (26,27)

● Jesus never promised that a disciple's life would be e_____, although it would be better.

1. No longer slaves of s_____ (better).
2. Em_____ to live Jesus's way (better).

● Jesus did promise o_____ (v. 25)

1. If Jesus, being one person, would be opposed (He was called a d_____)
2. How much more will His disciples, being m_____, be opposed.
3. We are not to f_____ persecution (v. 26) but we are to spread His word (v. 27; see also Matt 28:19; Acts 1:8 where similar commands are given to ALL disciples).

● When has an opportunity to tell about Jesus interrupted your ease?

1. Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons coming to your door

2. Going on a short-term mission trip
 3. Family, friends, neighbors
- My ease is negotiable. But the worth of Jesus is not!

Does your life demonstrate that Jesus is worth more than your life? (28-31; 38-39)

- The life of the apostles – 10 of the 12 were k_____ for their faith.
 1. Only one is recorded in the Bible (J_____ - Acts 12:2)
 2. The other 10 are recorded by other historical documents.
- The life of the disciples in the late 1st through the 2nd century
 1. P_____ by the Roman government
 2. Many were killed for their faith in cruel ways:
 - a. C_____
 - b. Sewn into carcasses and thrown to the w_____
 - c. Breaking each limb with a s_____
 - d. S_____ alive
 - e. Set on f_____
- Why does God allow such evil persecution to happen?
 1. It's not because He does not c_____. He does! (vv 29-31)
 2. The apostle's death does put a s_____ of genuineness on the Christian faith (there would be no reason for them to make up a resurrection story since they never gained from proclaiming this message but always sacrificed).
 3. The millions of Muslims coming to Christ in the face of d_____ puts a stamp of genuineness on their faith (they have no reason to lie about it).
- Why should we not fear persecution or the possibility of death?
 1. For the believer death is only t_____ (v. 28a; I Cor 15:50ff)
 2. For the unbeliever death is e_____.
 - a. The word hell is better translated as Gehenna and is an equivalent to the Lake of F_____ (Rev 20:14)
 - b. Hell (hades) will eventually be t_____ into the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:14).
- How might unbelievers try to find THE LIFE? (*He who wishes to find his life will lose it*)
 1. In r_____ - this is temporary and will be lost.
 2. In a dream j_____ - this is temporary and will be lost.
 3. In accumulating m_____ - this too will be lost.

- Jesus requires us to l_____ our life in order to find life (*He who loses his life for My sake will find it*)
 1. We must s_____ our life to the Lord (we no longer have ownership. He does).
 2. We must receive Him as our l_____ (Jn 14:6).
 3. This life is e_____.
- The worth of my life is negotiable, but the worth of Jesus is not.

Does your life demonstrate that Jesus is worth more than your loved ones? (34-37)

- Jesus said that He did not come to bring p_____ on earth but a sword (34)
 1. Jesus did come to bring peace between b_____, regardless of their race (Eph 2:14).
 2. Jesus did not come to bring peace between the believing world and the unbelieving world (Jn 15:18).
- It is unusual to see an entire f_____ become believers in Christ.
 1. In America, when a family member of a non-Christian family comes to Christ, they are treated as radical (in a bad way).
 2. Among the Islamic people, usually just one or two become believers in Christ within a family. They are usually _____ by their family.
- We are to l_____ Jesus more than any loved one (v. 37)
 1. This puts a stamp of genuineness on the Christian f_____
 - a. The message of the Christian faith is good n_____
 - b. The reaction to the message is h_____
 2. This puts a stamp of genuineness on one's p_____ faith.
- The worth of Jesus is non-negotiable

Conclusion:

We know that the worth of Jesus is non-negotiable. How does your life demonstrate that the worth of Jesus surpasses all?