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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Take Up Your Cross

Matt 10:34–42

Matt. 10:34, “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

Matt. 10:35, “For 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’;

Matt. 10:36, “and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’

Matt. 10:37, “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”

Isa. 9:6, “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isa. 9:7, “Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

Luke 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Three Kinds of Peace.

1. Peace with God.

Isa. 53:5, “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”

Eph. 6:15, “and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”

Rom. 5:1, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

2 Cor. 5:18, “Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 Cor. 5:19, “that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

2. Peace, in the sense of inner calm, tranquility, stability, and happiness, is the believer's unique possession.

John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 16:33, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

3. Peace, in terms of the absence of war and military conflict, will characterize the reign of Messiah. But not until then.

Isa. 54:10, “ ‘For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,’ says the LORD, who has mercy on you.”

Isa. 66:12, “For thus says the LORD: Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; on her sides shall you be carried, and be dandled on her knees.’ ”

**Isa. 2:4, “He shall judge between the nations,
and rebuke many people; They shall beat
their swords into plowshares, and their
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lift up sword against nation, neither shall
they learn war anymore.”**

Until Jesus returns, to establish His righteous rule, there will not be peace, but hostility toward those who proclaim the gospel.

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**Matt. 10:39, “He who finds his life will lose it,
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