



# SUNDAY CLASS

10/26/08

## Key Verses: Matthew 12:14-21

### *Matthew 12:14 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)*

*14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.*

*“Here we have, The cursed malice of the Pharisees against Christ (v. 14); being enraged at the convincing evidence of his miracles, they went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.*

*That which vexed them was, not only that by his miracles his honor eclipsed theirs, but that the doctrine he preached was directly opposite to their pride, and hypocrisy, and worldly interest; but they pretended to be displeased at his breaking the Sabbath day, which was by the law a capital crime, Ex. 35:2.”*

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*\*\*\*Judas and the Pharisees - “Plotting against Jesus”*

*“Observe their cruelty; they took counsel, not to imprison or banish him, but to destroy him, to be the death of him who came that we might have life.*

*What an indignity was hereby put upon our Lord Jesus, to run him down as an outlaw (qui caput gerit lupinum— carries a wolf's head), and the plague of his country, who was the greatest blessing of it, the Glory of his people Israel!"*

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### **Matthew 26:4 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*4 and they conspired to arrest Jesus in a treacherous way and kill Him.*

### **Matthew 27:1 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

#### ***Jesus Handed Over to Pilate***

*1 When daybreak came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death.*

### **Mark 3:6 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*6 Immediately the Pharisees went out and started plotting with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.*

### **Luke 6:11 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*11 They, however, were filled with rage and started discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.*

### **John 10:39 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*39 Then they were trying again to seize Him, yet He eluded their grasp.*

### **John 11:53 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*53 So from that day on they plotted to kill Him.*

### **Matthew 12:15 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

#### ***The Servant of the Lord***

*15 When Jesus became aware of this, He withdrew from there. Huge crowds followed Him, and He healed them all.*

*“Christ’s absconding upon this occasion, and the privacy he chose, to decline, not his work, but his danger; because his hour was not yet come (v. 15), he withdrew himself from thence.*

*He could have secured himself by miracle, but chose to do it in the ordinary way of flight and retirement; because in this, as in other things, he would submit to the sinless infirmities of our nature.*

*Herein he humbled himself, that he was driven to the common shift of those who are most helpless; thus also he would give an example to his own rule, When they persecute you in one city, flee to another.*

*Christ had said and done enough to convince those Pharisees, if reason or miracles would have done it; but instead of yielding to the conviction, they were hardened and enraged, and therefore he left them as incurable, Jer. 51:9. Christ did not retire for his own ease, nor seek an excuse to leave off his work; no, his retirements were filled up with business, and he was even then doing good, when he was forced to flee for the same. Thus he gave an example to his ministers, to do what they can, when they cannot do what they would, and to continue teaching, even when they are removed into corners. When the Pharisees, the great dons and doctors of the nation, drove Christ from then, and forced him to withdraw himself, yet the common people crowded after him; great multitudes followed him and found him out.”*

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### **Matthew 4:23 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

#### **Teaching, Preaching, and Healing**

*23 Jesus was going all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.*

### **Matthew 10:23 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*23 When they persecute you in one town, escape to another. For I assure you: You will not have covered the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.*

### **Matthew 19:2 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*2 Large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there.*

### **Mark 3:7 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

#### **Ministering to the Multitude**

*7 Jesus departed with His disciples to the sea, and a great multitude followed from Galilee, Judea,*

*“This some would turn to his reproach, and call him the ring-leader of the mob; but it was really his honor, that all who were unbiased and unprejudiced, and not blinded by the pomp of the world, were so hearty, so zealous for him, that they would follow him whithersoever he went, and whatever hazards they ran with him; as it was also the*

*honor of his grace, that the poor were evangelized; that when they received him, he received them and healed them all. Christ came into the world to be a Physician-general, as the sun to the lower world, with healing under his wings.*

*Though the Pharisees persecuted Christ for doing good, yet he went on in it, and did not let the people fare the worse for the wickedness of their rulers.”*

“\*\*\*Note, Though some are unkind to us, we must not on that account be unkind to others.”

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### **Matthew 12:16 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*16 He warned them not to make Him known,*

“\*\*\*Note, Wise and good men, though they covet to do good, yet are far from coveting to have it talked of when it is done; because it is God’s acceptance, not men’s applause, that they aim at.”

*“And in suffering times, though we must boldly go on in the way of duty, yet we must contrive the circumstances of it so as not to exasperate, more than is necessary, those who seek occasion against us; Be ye wise as serpents, Matthew 10:16.”*

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### **Matthew 8:4 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*4 Then Jesus told him, "See that you don't tell anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses prescribed, as a testimony to them."*

### **Matthew 9:30 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*30 And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus warned them sternly, "Be sure that no one finds out!"*

### **Matthew 12:17 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*17 so that what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:*

***Isaiah 42:1-4 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)***

***The Servant's Mission***

**<sup>1</sup> "This is My Servant; I strengthen Him,  
[this is] My Chosen One; I delight in Him.  
I have put My Spirit on Him;  
He will bring justice to the nations.**

**<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or shout  
or make His voice heard in the streets.**

**<sup>3</sup> He will not break a bruised reed,  
and He will not put out a smoldering wick;  
He will faithfully bring justice.**

**<sup>4</sup> He will not grow weak or be discouraged  
until He has established justice on earth.  
The islands will wait for His instruction."**

*"The fulfilling of the scriptures in all this, v. 17. Christ retired into privacy and obscurity, that though he was eclipsed, the word of God might be fulfilled, and so illustrated and glorified, which was the thing his heart was upon. The scripture here said to be fulfilled is Isa. 42:1-4, which is quoted at large, v. 18-21 The scope of it is to show how mild and quiet, and yet how successful, our Lord Jesus should be in his undertaking."*

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***Matthew 12:18 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)***

*Here is My Servant whom I have chosen,*

*My beloved in whom My soul delights;*

*I will put My Spirit on Him,*

*and He will proclaim justice to the nations.*



*“The promise of the Father to him in two things.*

*(1.) That he should be every way well qualified for his undertaking; I will put my Spirit upon him, as a Spirit of wisdom and counsel, Isa. 11:2,*

*Those whom God calls to any service, he will be sure to fit and qualify for it; and by that it will appear that he called them to it, as Moses, Ex. 4:12.*

*Christ, as God, was equal in power and glory with the Father; as Mediator, he received from the Father power and glory, and received that he might give: and all that the Father gave him, to qualify him for his undertaking, was summed up in this, he put his Spirit upon him: this was that oil of gladness with which he was anointed above his fellows, Heb. 1:9. He received the Spirit, not by measure, but without measure, Jn. 3:34.*

**\*\*\*Note, Whoever they be that God has chosen, and in him he is well pleased, he will be sure to put his Spirit upon them.**

*Wherever he confers his love, he confers somewhat of his likeness.*

*(2.) That he should be abundantly successful in his understanding. Those whom God sends he will certainly own. It was long since secured by promise to our Lord Jesus, that the good pleasure of the Lord should prosper in his hand, Isa. 53:10.”*

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**Matthew 3:17 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

17 And there came a voice from heaven:

*This is My beloved Son.*

*I take delight in Him!*

**Matthew 17:5 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said:

*This is My beloved Son.*

*I take delight in Him.*

*Listen to Him!*

**Luke 4:18 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

18 The Spirit of the Lord is on Me,

*because He has anointed Me*

*to preach good news to the poor.*

*He has sent Me*

*to proclaim freedom to the captives*

*and recovery of sight to the blind,*

*to set free the oppressed,*

**John 3:34 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

34 For God sent Him, and He speaks God's words, since He gives the Spirit

**Matthew 12:19 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*He will not argue or shout,*

*and no one will hear His voice in the streets.*

## **Matthew 12:20 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*He will not break a bruised reed,  
and He will not put out a smoldering wick,  
until He has led justice to victory.*

## **Matthew 12:21 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

*21 The nations will put their hope in His name.*

*“He shall show judgment to the Gentiles. Christ in his own person preached to those who bordered upon the heathen nations (see Mk. 3:6-8), and by his apostle showed his gospel, called here his judgment, to the Gentile world.*

*The way and method of salvation, the judgment which is committed to the Son, is not only wrought out by him as our great High Priest, but showed and published by him as our great Prophet.*

*In his name shall the Gentiles trust, v. 21. He shall so show judgment to them, that they shall heed and observe what he shows them, and be influenced by it to depend upon him, to devote themselves to him, and conform to that judgment.*

**\*\*\*Note, The great design of the gospel, is to bring people to trust in the name of Jesus Christ; his name Jesus, a Savior, that precious name whereby he is called, and which is as ointment poured forth; The Lord our Righteousness.**

*The evangelist here follows the Septuagint (or perhaps the latter editions of the Septuagint follow the evangelist); the Hebrew (Isa. 42:4) is, The isles shall wait for his law. The isles of the Gentiles are spoken of (Gen. 10:5), as peopled by the sons of Japhet, of whom it was said (Gen. 9:27), God shall persuade Japhet to dwell in the tents of Shem; which was now to be fulfilled, when the isles (says the prophet), the Gentiles (says the evangelist), shall wait for his law, and trust in his name: compare these together, and observe, that they, and they only, can with confidence trust in Christ's name, that wait for his law with a resolution to be ruled by it.”*

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## **Isaiah 42:1-4 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

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### **John 10:25 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)**

25 "I did tell you and you don't believe," Jesus answered them. "The works that I do in My Father's name testify about Me.

*"The prediction concerning him, and his mild and quiet management of his undertaking, v. 19, 20. It is chiefly for the sake of this that it is here quoted, upon occasion of Christ's affected privacy and concealment.*

*Those were mistaken who fed themselves with hopes of a pompous Savior. His voice was not heard in the streets; "Lo, here is Christ;" or, "Lo, he is there:" he spake in a still small voice, which was alluring to all, but terrifying to none; he did not affect to make a noise, but came down silently like the dew.*

*Some understand this of his patience in bearing with the wicked; he could as easily have broken these Pharisees as a bruised reed, and have quenched them as soon as smoking flax; but he will not do it till the judgment-day, when all his enemies shall be made his footstool.*

*Young beginners in religion are weak as a bruised reed, and their weakness offensive like smoking flax; some little life they have, but it is like that of a bruised reed; some little heat, but like that of smoking flax.*

*What is the compassion of our Lord Jesus toward them? He will not discourage them, much less reject them or cast them off; the reed that is bruised shall not be broken and trodden down, but shall be supported, and made as strong as a cedar or flourishing palm-tree. The candle newly lighted, though it only smokes and does not flame, shall not be blown out, but blown up.*

*The day of small things is the day of precious things, and therefore he will not despise it, but make it the day of great things, Zec. 4:10.*

**\*\*\*Note, Our Lord Jesus deals very tenderly with those who have true grace, though they be weak in it, Isa. 40:11; Heb. 5:2.**

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