

I Came Not To Bring Peace

Matthew 10:34-39

Intro:

- A. **We are not living in the millennial.**
 - 1. The angels at Jesus birth did say, "peace on earth, good will to men."
 - 2. Obviously this has not come to pass.

 - B. **Jesus came to the world to offer the kingdom to many sparrows." V.31**
 - 1. It must be received voluntarily in love and faith. He then would become her king.
 - 2. From this point He would offer Himself to the rest of the world. Demonstrating through Israel what He could do for the world.
 - 3. Romans 11:11-12

 - C. **In these verses Jesus informs His disciples that His coming at this time was not to bring in the kingdom by the use of force and violence.**
 - 1. He would come as a lamb.
 - 2. He would not come as a lion.
 - 3. He came as the son of man.
- I. Jesus Did Not Come To Impose Peace.
- A. **"Think not that I am come to send peace on the earth: I come not to send peace, but a sword." V.34**
 - 1. think = νομιζω = "to regard as custom"
 - 2. send = βαλλω = "to throw," "to cast", "to use force"
 - 3. Do not accept, as is customary, that I have come to force peace on earth. I do not come to force peace but to cause division and conflict.

 - B. **"For I am come to set a man at variance against his father...etc." v.34**
 - 1. set at variance = διχαζω = "to divide in two" "to part asunder", "disunite"
 - 2. "For I have come to bring division..."
 - 3. This seems to be a most vicious motive..."
 - 4. This is the challenge of God.

5. It is the challenge of truth.

C. **"And a man's foes shall be they of his own household." V.36**

1. foes = εχθρος = "hated," "odious," "an object of enmity", "an enemy", "an adversary."
2. "A man's enemies will be the members of his own family, living in the same house."

II. The Claim Of Jesus To Our Love.

A. **A child's love for parents. V.37**

1. "He that loveth father or mother more..."
 - a. love = αγαπαω = "to cherish with reverence."
 - b. more = υπερ = "beyond," "above."
 - c. worthy = αξιος = "of equal value," "worthy of"

B. **A parents love for children.**

1. (Vocabulary same as above)
2. "...is not good enough for me" - Bas

III. The Claim Of Jesus To Our Loyalty.

A. **"And he that taketh not his cross..." v.38**

1. taketh = αιρω = "to take up and carry away"
2. It is necessary to count one's self dead and to identify with the means of that death.

B. **"...and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." V.38b**

1. followeth = ακολουθεω = "to go with or after a person", used of soldiers and servants
2. worthy = αξιος = "of like worth."
3. "and follow wherever ye go..."
4. "...is not good enough for me." - Bas
5. Is not the person I can use.

IV. Service Is The Key To Finding Oneself.

A. **"He that findeth his life shall lose it:" v.39**

1. findeth = ευρισκω = "to find as by search," "to find out", "to discover."
2. life = ψυχη = "breath", "the sign of life"
3. lose = απολλυμι = "utterly lost", "ruined"

4. "He that emphasizes this life shall ruin it."

B. **"and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."**

1. loseth = (Same as A,3, above)
2. life = (same as A,2, above)
3. find = (same as A, 1, above)
4. The key is, "for my sake," which means, "on my behalf."
5. He that counts the present life lost to Jesus Christ will discover reality.

