

The Savior Of The Gentiles

Matthew 12:14-21

Intro:

- A. **Jesus had answered the accusations of the Pharisees.**
 - 1. They accused Him of Sabbath breaking.
 - 2. He answered with Scriptures.
- B. **The Pharisees sought the help of the Herodians, a political party.**
 - 1. Mark 3:6
 - 2. These are the descendants of Herod who sought to slay Jesus as an infant.
- C. **These all sought how they could ruin Him.**
 - 1. v.14
 - 2. Mark 3:6

I. Jesus Avoided Confrontation.

- A. **"But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself, from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all." V.15**
 - 1. withdrew = αναχωρηω = "to give place," "to recede," "to retire."
 - 2. "...went away from that place" - TCNT
- B. **Jesus drew great multitudes.**
 - 1. "...and many followed him." - ASV v.15b
 - 2. They came from many places. Mark 3:7-8
 - 3. He healed many. ("them all") v.15
 - 4. He was identified by unclean spirits. Mark 3:11
 - 5. "Thou are the Son of God."
- C. **Jesus forbade them to make Him known.**
 - 1. charged = επιτιμαω = "to admonish strongly with urgency," "to enjoin upon." V.16
 - 2. "sternly forbidding them." - Rieu
 - 3. "Not to make His location conspicuous by telling others what He had done."
- D. **This retiring, non-confrontational stance was in fulfillment of Scripture.**

1. He was not to engage the enemy at this time.
V.17
2. It would be difficult for the Jews to accept His actions.

II. Isaiah Prophesied Of Jesus.

A. **"Behold, my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased:" v.18-21**

1. servant = δουλος = "one bound to serve"
2. chosen = αιρειζω = "to take with the hand," "to hold up" (only occurs here in N.T.)
3. pleased = ευδοκεω = "not only to have the appearance of good but good in resolve and intent."
4. soul = ψυχη = God's very being (here)

B. **"I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles." V.18b**

1. put = τιθημι = "to set," "to place"
2. show = απαγγελω = "to give up intelligence", "to announce or report."
3. judgment = κρισις = "judicial procedure."
4. He will announce the basis and cause and result of judgment to all nations.

C. **"He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets." V.19**

1. strive = εριζω = "to quarrel", "to be vociferous like wranglers," "to challenge"
2. cry = κραυγαζω = "to make a clamour"
3. He will not be a person that quarrels and makes like a wrangler in the concourses of the city. He will not be like the others who have challenged authority.

D. **The character of Messiah. V.20**

1. "A bruised reed shall he not break"
2. "and smoking flax shall he not quench."
3. He will be tender and compassionate to those who are poor, ill, and downtrodden.

E. **He will maintain this course of action until the Millennium.**

1. judgment = κρισις = "separating"

2. victory = νικος = "victory in battle"
- F. **"And in his name shall the Gentiles trust." V.21**
1. trust = ελιζω = "to expect, to hope", "to set one's hope upon something."
 2. "And his name shall bring hope to the Pagans."
- G. **What Gentiles were (are) without Christ.**
1. Ephesians 2:11-13

