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 = ἀναχωρέω = "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 = εμπώμω = "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.

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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 = αιρονιζω = "to take with the hand,"
      "to hold up" (only occurs here in N.T.)
   3. pleased = ευτυχω = "not only to have the appearance of good but good in resolve an 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= απαγιλω = "to give up intelligence",
      "to announce or report."
   3. judgment = κρισις = "judicial procedure."

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 = κραυγωζω = "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* = νίκης = "victory in battle"

F. "And in his name shall the Gentiles trust." V.21
   1. *trust* = ελπίζω = "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