

Mission Impossible—Part 3: “The Church” Matthew 10:24-42

I. Expect to Be H_____ (v. 24-25)

- a. Jesus switches from “I” to “a” showing a switch from Tribulation Saints to the church
- b. We are called to be a *disciple* and a *slave doulos* (δοῦλος) = “slave, subservient to, controlled by”
- c. We are not just saved FROM something; we are saved FOR something: WORSHIP that is a Way of Life (cf. Rom 12:1-2)
 - i. That Christlike way of life will make you hated by the world (cf. Matt. 5:11-12; 28:20; John 13:16; 15:18-20; 16:2-3; Luke 6:40; Acts 5:41; Phil. 3:10; Col. 3:16; 1 John 2:6; 3:2)
 - ii. *Beelzebul* or *Baal-zebul* (Βεελζεβοὺλ) means “Baal, the prince” the chief false god of the Philistines = Satan (cf. 2 Kings 1:2; Matt. 12:24, 26; 9:34; 12:24; Mark 3:22, 30; Luke 11:15; John 7:20; 8:48)

II. Do Not F_____ Them (v. 26-31)

- a. *them* = the men who hate you (cf. Prov. 29:25; Matt. 14:27; 28:10; Luke 12:32; John 14:27)
- b. 3 Reasons Not to Fear Them
 - i. **Judgment D_____ is Coming** (cf. 2 Thess. 1:6-10; Matt. 14:4-17; Mark 4:22; Luke 8:17; 12:2; 1 Cor. 4:5)
 - ii. **Our S_____ Belong to God** (cf. Acts 20:24; 21:10-13; Luke 23:43; 2 Cor 5:1-10; Phil 1:23-24)
 - iii. **God is S_____** (cf. Gen. 1:1; Ps. 90:2; 115:3; 147:5; Prov. 16:33; Job 42:2; Lam. 3:37-39; Isa. 25:8-9; 45:7-9; 61:1; Acts 4:27-29; Rom. 8:28-30; 11:33; Eph. 1:4-6, 11; Col. 1:16-17; John 1:1)
 1. *cent = assarion* (ἄσσαριον) = one-sixteenth of a denarius (cf. Luke 12:6; 21:18; 1 Peter 5:7)

III. C_____ Me Before Men (v. 32-33)

- a. *confess* = *homologeō* (ὁμολογέω) = “to make an emphatic declaration, often public, and at times in response to pressure or an accusation—to declare, to assert.”
 - i. Not just a one-time confession but a way of life (cf. 1 Sam. 2:30; Matt. 5:20; 7:13-14, 16-20, 21-23, 24-27; 13:20-21; 47-50; 25:34-44; Matt. 25:35-34; Rom. 1:16; 10:9-10; 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Tim. 2:11-13; 4:10; 1 John 2:1-2; 4:15; Rev. 2:13)
 - ii. Positive Reason: Jesus will confess knowing you
 - iii. Negative Reason: Jesus will deny knowing you (cf. Matt. 7:22-23)

IV. Follow Me O_____ (vs. 34-39)

- a. Jesus brings a sword, not peace:
 - i. The KJV mistranslates *eudokia* (εὐδοκία) “good will toward men” instead of “men with whom He is pleased.” (Luke 2:14 cf. Ps. 72; Isa. 2:4; 9:6; Luke 1:78-79; John 14:27; 16:33; Rom. 8:6)
 - ii. Micah 7:6 quote proves the familial division (cf. Ps 41:9; 55:12-14; John 13:18; Matt. 26:48-50)
- b. 3 “*is not worthy of Me*” statements:
 - i. *loves father or mother more than Me*
 - ii. *loves son or daughter more than Me*
 - iii. *does not take his cross and follow after Me* (i.e. loves your life more than Me—cf. Matt. 16:24-25; Mark 8:34-35; Luke 9:23-24; 14:27; 17:33; John 12:25)

V. B_____ One Another (v. 40-42)

- a. To receive a disciple of Jesus means to receive Jesus and the Father (cf. John 14:6)
- b. 3 Rewards for receiving/blessing Jesus’ disciples (cf. Matt. 18:5; 25:31-46; Luke 9:48; John 8:19, 42; 2 Cor. 5:20)
 - i. *a prophet’s reward*; (cf. Deut. 18:15-18; 2 Kings 4:9-10)
 - ii. *a righteous man’s reward*.
 - iii. *shall not lose his reward.*” (cf. Zech. 13:7)