

JESUS' NO TELL POLICY

HE TOLD THEM TO KEEP QUIET

"Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ."

- Matthew 16:20

1. Jesus' Ministry to Israel

- a. His ministry was to the circumcision – Romans 15:8
- b. The promises made to the fathers – Luke 1:68-74, Isa 35:4-6
- c. He preached a kingdom at hand with signs and miracles – Mat 4:17-24

2. The Message to the Multitudes

- a. The earth, the law, a kingdom come – Mat 5:5, 5:17-20, 6:10
- b. Offer the sacrifices... as a testimony – Matthew 8:1-4, 23:2-3
- c. It's a miracle! Tell no man? – Mat 8:4
- d. "Tell no man what was done" - Mat 9:23-26, Luke 8:54-56
- e. "See that no man know it" - Mat 9:27-31
- f. Do not tell anything to the Gentiles - Mat 10:1, 5-7

3. The Hidden Things

- a. When asked plainly, Jesus did not respond verbally – Mat 11:2-4
- b. He said, "Do not make me known" - Mat 12:15-16
- c. Why? To fulfill prophecy about him – Mat 12:17-21; Isa 42:1-4
- d. His ministry had secrets – Mat 12:22-24
- e. The only sign they would get would be Jonah's – Mat 12:38-40
- f. It was only for some of them to know – Mat 13:9-16, Psa 78:1-2

4. The Cross A Shame

- a. Who do they say? What's the rumor? - Mat 16:13-16
- b. Upon "this rock" – Christ is the stone – Mat 16:18
- c. The keys to let people in or out – Mat 16:19, 18:18, John 20:23
- d. "Tell no man that I am the Christ" – Mat 16:19
- e. They knew his name, but not the cross – Mat 16:21-22, Luke 18:34
- f. It was a literal kingdom, but he was not yet to be king – Mat 16:27

5. No More Secrets

- a. Art thou the Christ? - Mat 26:59-64
- b. If I tell you ye will not believe – Luke 22:66-70
- c. Say this by yourself, or is it rumors? – John 18:33-34
- d. They witnessed the Christ as they did before – John 20:31, Acts 3:6, 12-16
- e. They made known the Christ by prophecy – Acts 3:20, 24-26
- f. During prophecy, things were hidden. Jesus told them to be quiet.
- g. Something else was revealed about who he was and what he did – 2 Tim 2:7-9
- h. There are no more secrets today – Col 1:26-27
- i. The revelation of the mystery disclosed the hidden things. No more secrets.