

## JESUS DIDN'T QUIT

Text: Hebrews 12:1-3

INTRO: Our text deals with the subject of patient endurance & tells us that in this, as in all other matters, Jesus is our example to emulate. Jesus encountered in His short earthly career, all the hindrances that make men lose heart, yet in spite of it all, Jesus didn't quit.

### I. JESUS FOUND THE ORGANIZED RELIGION OF HIS DAY RIDDLED WITH HYPOCRITES.

Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven... And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward... Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. (Matt. 6:1, 5, 16)

Most likely there were hypocrites present every time Jesus attended the synagogue, but Jesus never quit attending,

READ LUKE 4:16

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. (John 18:20).

### II. JESUS WAS NOT ABLE TO CONVINCHE HIS FAMILY OR HIS BOYHOOD FRIENDS OF THE TRUTH OF HIS MESSAGE.

READ LUKE 4:22, 28-29

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. Now

the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." For even His brothers did not believe in Him. (John 7:1-5).

III. HIS ENEMIES ACCUSED HIM OF BEING CRAZY.

And many of them said, "He has a demon & is mad. Why do you listen to Him?" (JN 10:20).

Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" (John 8:48)

IV. MANY FOLLOWED HIM ONLY FOR MATERIAL GAIN.

Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled... From that time many of

His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. (John 6:26, 66).

V. SOME WHOM HE BE-FRIENDED FORGOT HIM, WERE UN-GRATEFUL.

A. 9 lepers, LK 17:12-19

B. The Gadarenes, MK 5:17

VI. HE WAS FALSELY ACCUSED OF SIN.

A. His motives were impugned.

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons, except by Beelzebub, the prince of the demons" (MT 12:24).

B. His words were maligned. MT 26:61, cp. JN 2:19

C. His deeds were slandered.

Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God because He does not keep the Sab" (JN 9:16)

VII. HIS CLOSEST DISCIPLES FREQUENTLY MISUNDER-

STOOD HIM.

- A. The leaven of the Pharisees & Sadducees, MT 16:6-12
- B. Will You at this time restore the kingdom? Acts 1:6-8
- C. That John would not die, JN 21:21-23
- D. His death, resurrection, etc.

VIII. HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS FELL ASLEEP AS THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE KEEPING WATCH FOR HIM, MATTHEW 26:37-46.

IX. ONE OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS DENIED EVEN KNOWING WHO HE WAS, MATTHEW 26:69-74.

X. ONE WHO HAD BEEN WITH HIM FOR 3 1/2 YEARS, HAD FOLLOWED HIS FOOTSTEPS & EATEN HIS BREAD, SOLD HIM TO HIS ENEMIES FOR THE PRICE OF A WOUNDED SLAVE & BETRAYED HIM WITH A KISS, MATTHEW 26:14-16.

XI. ALL HIS FOLLOWERS LEFT HIM & RAN AWAY WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED, MATTHEW 26:56.

XII. HIS EXECUTION WAS ORDERED BY A POLITICIAN WHO ADMITTED JESUS HAD DONE NO WRONG, MATT 27:24

XIII. BUT JESUS DIDN'T QUIT:

- A. Loving mankind, Rom 5:8; JN 15:13-14
- B. Serving God.

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phil. 2:5-8, NASB)

- C. Reaching out in forgiveness for those who would accept it.

LK 23:34; 2 Peter 3:9

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When Jesus went to synagogue and taught the people there  
He found among the worshipers a pretense for a prayer.  
Some people there were covetous and some were filled with pride.  
Some were spotless outwardly, but dead men's bones inside.

Some were less than grateful. Some were less than fair.  
Some were filled with hate and greed, and some just didn't care.  
Some were morally impure, and some were hypocrites--  
But God be thanked forevermore that Jesus didn't quit!

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