

## **Matthew - "Why Jesus?"**

### ***The Sermon on the Mount***

***"What do you  
treasure?"***

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4 sections:

- 1) One about "our treasures"
  - 2) One about a "healthy eye"
  - 3) One about two masters
  - 4) Not worrying
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Starts with attention grabbers:

- 1) *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth"*
  - 2) *Matt. 6:25a = "FOR THIS REASON do not be anxious..."*
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Outline for this morning:

- 1) *What is the context of this section?*
  - 2) *What is Jesus actually asking?*
  - 3) *How does the "earthly" treasure work against us?*
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Matt. 20:15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye (singular) envious because I am generous?' (Parable of Laborers in vineyard)

Prov. 22:9 Whoever has a generous eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

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- a) *Jesus ISN'T telling us we cannot have or save money*
  - b) *Jesus ISN'T saying we cannot treasure certain things*
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*"heart" = center of your being & thus the center of your attention*

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Col. 3:1-4 If then you have been raised with Messiah, **seek** (continually inquiring, demanding, searching, giving energy towards, passionate with) the things that are above, where Messiah is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] **Set your minds on** (concern yourself with) things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Messiah in God. [4] When Messiah **who is your life** appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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Col. 2:2b-3 which is Messiah, [3] in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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I Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own **possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, ~~but now you have received mercy.~~

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Phil. 3:18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. [19] Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. [20] But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

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  - Whether the "treasure" produces anxiety/worry or life/satisfaction
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Proverbs 10:3 The LORD does not let the righteous go hungry, but He thwarts the craving of the wicked.

1 Tim. 6:17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. [18] They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, [19] thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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