

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

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Matt. 12:1 "At THAT TIME..."

"Take MY yoke...I am easy going & mild mannered"

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This morning we will look at...

- 1) *What's going on in these stories?*
 - 2) *What is the point of the Sabbath?*
 - 3) *What affect this should have on us?*
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- 1) *What's going on in these stories?*

Story 1 = The journey thru the grain field

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1) What's going on in these stories?

Story 1 = The journey thru the grain field

Ex. 20:9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, [10] but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. [11] For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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1) What's going on in these stories?

Story 1 – Grain field

What you cannot do
vs.
why

| Field Work | Making Material Curtains | Making Leather Curtains | Making the Beams of the Mishkan | The Putting up and Taking down of the Mishkan | The Mishkan's Final Touches |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| •Sowing | •Shearing Wool | •Trapping | •Writing | •Building | •Extinguishing a Fire |
| •Plowing | •Cleaning | •Slaughtering | •Erasing | •Breaking Down | •Kindling a Fire |
| •Reaping | •Combing | •Skinning | | | •Striking the Final Hammer Blow |
| •Binding Sheaves | •Dyeing | •Tanning | | | •Carrying |
| •Threshing | •Spinning | •Smoothing | | | |
| •Winnowing | •Stretching the Threads | •Ruling Lines | | | |
| •Selecting | •Making Loops | •Cutting | | | |
| •Grinding | •Weaving Threads | | | | |
| •Sifting | •Separating the Threads | | | | |
| •Kneading | •Tying a Knot | | | | |
| •Baking | •Untying a Knot | | | | |
| | •Sewing | | | | |
| | •Tearing | | | | |

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1) What's going on in these stories?

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Jesus answers by sharing 2 Old Testament Stories:

➤ Answer # 1 = David (1 Samuel 21:1-6)

Anointed but not yet enthroned!

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1) What's going on in these stories?

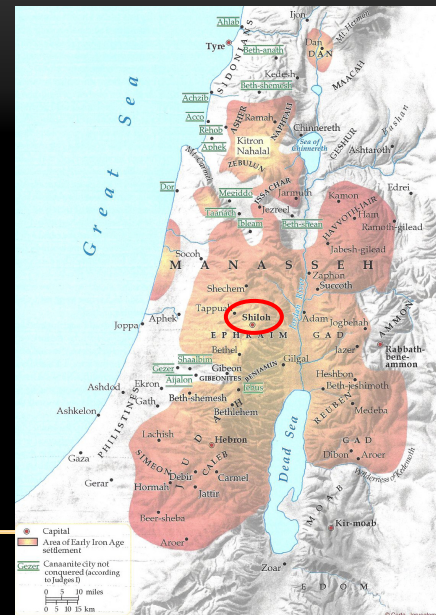
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1) *What's going on in these stories?*

OT Answer # 1 = David

OT Answer # 2 = Priests

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1) *What's going on in these stories?*

He raises the stakes: How?

➤ *He brings King David into it*

➤ *He brings the temple into it*

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1) *What's going on in these stories?*

What is Jesus saying with these 2 analogies?

a) "I am the true King" – He is already anointed/awaiting enthronement

Matt. 3:16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; [17] and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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1) *What's going on in these stories?*

What is Jesus saying with these 2 analogies?

a) "I am the true King"

- *"I'm HIM" - the prophesied King to come who will rule eternally*
 - *"I'm HIM" - anointed & soon to be enthroned at the right hand side of My Father*
 - *"I'm HIM" - the One Who will make good on all God's promises*
 - *becoming Israel to save the world*
 - *"I'm HIM" - the One that will rule for eternity & make all things new*
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1) *What's going on in these stories?*

What is Jesus saying with these 2 analogies?

a) "I am the true King" – anointed awaiting enthronement

b) The Temple - People matter the most



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Ex. 23:4 “If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him. [5] If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it; you shall rescue it with him.

Deut. 22:4 You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen down by the way and ignore them. You shall help him to lift them up again.

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1) *What's going on in these stories?*

2) *What was the point of the Sabbath?*

- *To help people ensure they stayed in recognition of how much God cared for them by stopping for a day*
 - *And to connect with each other*
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- 1) *What's going on in these stories?*
- 2) *What was the point of the Sabbath?*

He knows what busyness does to us:

- a) *It crowds our thoughts*

 - a) *It crowds our understanding of what really matters*
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- 1) *What's going on in these stories?*
- 2) *What was the point of the Sabbath?*

What is the result of this extreme noise & busyness?

- *People don't matter a whole lot any more*
 - *And neither does God (until we get in trouble)*
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- 1) *What's going on in these stories?*
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There are only two things that really matter:

- *God*
 - *People*
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John 5:16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. [17] But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

Matt. 22:36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” [37] And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. [38] This is the great and first commandment. [39] And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. [40] On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

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Final thoughts:

*1) What is making you so busy you don't have time for God or people?
Are people simply interruptions in your life or the point of your life?*

*2) What systems or traditions or principles or political ideal exists in
your life that are in danger of being exalted above people?*
