

## JESUS CHRIST SON OF MAN

### JESUS SPEAKS ABOUT THINGS AFTER THE CHURCH IS TAKEN AWAY

#### I. PARABLE ON HOW TO GET RESULTS FROM THE FATHER AFTER THE EVENT THAT JUST TOOK PLACE

A. **Luke 18:1-8**. Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup>He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup>"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' " <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

1. He spoke to them

a. Who.

(1) Those He had just told about His second advent [His second coming][The Rapture]

(a) **Luke 18:1-2** And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; <sup>2</sup>Saying, **There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:**

(2) That means two distinct groups of people were hearing this.

(a) Those that go in the 'rapture' and those who do not!

b. The need for this information.

(1) Those that go in the rapture will be with God. So this information is not for them.

(2) Those that are left behind need to know how to approach God after the rapture.

(a) They are the widow in this parable. The mother whose children and husband has gone away.

2. This parable is about a Judge and a widow.

a. We can see who the widow represents, but what about the judge?

(1) Revelations 19:11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

3. Scripture is going to show what happens when the judge is 'unjust'

a. He does not fear God

b. Has no regard for Man

(1) That means he lives for himself.

4. The widow has a complaint

a. Avenge me of my adversary

(1) Who is the adversary of all men including this woman?

(a) **1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

5. The judge does not want to be bothered.

6. But the woman is persistent.

7. What happens?
  - a. Why?
    - (1) Because it was in the interest of the judge.
8. Now Jesus teaches those LEFT BEHIND.
  - a. You will have an adversary
  - b. You were not ready to go in the Rapture.
    - (1) You DID NOT WATCH AND PRAY. You were not ready.
      - (a) **Matthew 26:41** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."
      - (b) **Mark 14:38** Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."
      - (c) **Luke 21:36** Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."
9. WHAT DOES JESUS WANT YOU TO DO?
  - a. THAT MAN SHOULD ALWAYS PRAY AND NOT GIVE UP.
10. Now we are told what will happen if those left behind will do this!
  - a. God will hear them and avenge them.
11. What does God call these people?
  - a. <sup>7</sup>And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, [[THE END OF THE TRIBULATION]] will he find faith on the earth?"
  - b. His Elect.
    - (1) Christian
      - (a) **Romans 8:33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.
      - (b) **2 Thessalonians 2:13** But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.
      - (c) **Revelations 17:14** They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings--and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."
    - (2) Israel
      - (a) **Isaiah 45:4** For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me.
      - (b) **Mark 13:22** For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and miracles to deceive the elect--if that were possible.
      - (c) **1 Peter 1:2** who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.
12. Why is God going to do this?
  - a. **Luke 18:8** I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

## II. SOME THAT WILL WONDER WHY THEY DID NOT MAKE THE ‘RAPTURE’

- A. **Luke 18:9-14** To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men-

-robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' <sup>13</sup>"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' <sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

1. Jesus speaks to certain persons.
  - a. Their trust is in themselves
    - (1) They there own righteousness
    - (a) found fault with others.
2. Jesus gives us a word picture of who He is talking about.
  - a. Two men = witness-that is by their lives you should know what they are!
    - (1) One a Pharisee - A righteous religious person
    - (2) One a Publican - A man hated by others for what he does.
  - b. The Pharisee - see what he has to say
    - (1) Prayed thus with [himself]
    - (2) I am not
    - (3) I fast
    - (4) I give
  - c. The Publican
    - (1) Could not even look up to heaven
    - (2) Smote his breast in grief
    - (3) [GOD] be merciful to me a sinner.
3. What was the focus of these two men?
  - a. The Pharisee speaks of his accomplishments
  - b. The Publican speaks of his need of God
4. What did Jesus say of these two men?
  - a. <sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God
    - (1) Where did this man GO?
      - (a) HOME
    - (2) And what about HOME?
      - (a) He was BEFORE GOD - justified
5. Want to know how hard it is to be right with God?

### III. WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN?

- A. **Luke 18:15-17** People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called the children to him and said, "**Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.** <sup>17</sup>I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."
1. I have come to believe that in the Book of Luke Jesus and the Holy Spirit are revealing to us things about the thousand year reign of Christ, and here, starting at the 20<sup>th</sup> verse of the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter the Rapture of the church.
2. So just for a moment, if that is so. What do we see here?
  - a. What is the subject of this passage of scripture?
3. Babies = **brephos**, Greek 1025, Strong's **brephos**, *breph'-os*; of uncertain affinity; an *infant* (properly unborn) literal or figurative :- babe, (young) child, infant.

4. Little children = **paidion**, Greek 3813, Strong's **paidion**, *pahee-dee'-on*; neuter diminutive of Greek 3816 (pais); a *childling* (of either sex), i.e. (properly) an infant, or (by extension) a half-grown *boy* or *girl*; figurative an *immature* Christian :- (little, young) child, damsel.
5. Now let's go back and take another look at the example that Jesus gave us about His second coming.
  - a. **Luke 17:34-35** I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. <sup>35</sup>Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
    - (1) What group of the human race is not spoken of here?
      - (a) Children - so what do we now see Jesus talking about!
        - i) Children
  6. What does Jesus say about the children?
    - a. "Let the little children come to me,
    - b. for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these
  7. So I believe that He is telling us that the children will go in the Rapture! I am speaking for myself. Do not let this confuse you or your believe.

#### IV. WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO DO GOOD?

- A. **Luke 18:18-23** A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup>"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. <sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'" <sup>21</sup>"All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said. <sup>22</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." <sup>23</sup>When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.
  1. What is the question?
    - a. what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
      - (1) Not just eternal life, but in the context of the material eternal life starting at the Rapture.
  2. Jesus reads the heart of this young ruler. The ruler knows in his heart that he does not qualify for the Rapture. The reason for the question.
  3. He has felt that doing good would qualify him to go.
    - a. He tells Jesus those things he has done.
  4. But Jesus says there is only ONE GOOD, and that is GOD.
    - a. No one is good--except God alone
  5. PLEASE, PLEASE SEE WHAT HAPPENS NOW!!!!!!
    - a. Jesus tell him he still lacks **ONE** thing.
    - b. But he tells him two things to do.
      - (1) Sell everything you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven.
        - (a) You want to have treasure in heaven, sell what you have and give to the poor.
        - (b) Doing good things will do some things for you, it will not get you to heaven. To get there YOU MUST.

- (2) **come, follow me."** .
6. <sup>23</sup>When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth.
  - a. **Mark 8:35** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

#### V. WARNING TO WEALTHY MEN EVERY WHERE!

- A. **Luke 18:24-27** Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>25</sup>Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."
1. JESUS IS GOING TO TELLS US ONCE AGAIN THE ANSWER.
2. How hard is it for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God?
  - a. Rich Man
    - (1) **Galatians 2:6** As for those who seemed to be important--whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not judge by external appearance--those men added nothing to my message.
3. Jesus is playing off of the Rich Young Ruler who he just spoke with. But as you can see God does not judge by external appearance or what you have or have not.
4. Jesus is speaking to all men.
  - a. <sup>25</sup>Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God
5. The shock to the people!!!!!!
  - a. WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED???
6. AND again Jesus gives us all the answer!
  - a. **What is impossible with men is possible with God."**

#### VI. THE FINAL QUESTION ABOUT PEOPLE OF THE TRIBULATION!

- A. **Luke 18:28-30** Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!" <sup>29</sup>"I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God <sup>30</sup>will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."
1. Jesus says "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH"
2. NO ONE.
  - a. Even those left after the rapture? Yes even those.
3. What again is the requirement?
  - a. FOR THE SAKE OF THE KINGDOM - TO FOLLOW JESUS!
4. Will it be easy? NO! They may be asked to do some hard things.
  - a. **left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God**
5. But once again, what is the one and only prize that is important?
  - a. **eternal life."**

#### VII. JESUS AGAIN FORETELLS HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

- A. **Luke 18:31-34** Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. <sup>32</sup>He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit

on him, flog him and kill him. <sup>33</sup>On the third day he will rise again." <sup>34</sup>The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

1. Now a change of subject and audience.
2. What happened here?
3. Who is going up to Jerusalem.
  - a. **We** are going
    - (1) We meaning a group. One or more persons.
4. What does Jesus tell them
  - a. That the Son of Man must do many things.
  - b. Jesus speaks of the Son of Man in the Third Person. He does not say I must do this, but that the Son of Man must do it.
  - c. In the New Testament the "Son of Man" is used 43 times as the distinctive title of the savior of man.
    - (1) **Psalm 80:17** Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
    - (2) **Daniel 7:13** "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.
    - (3) **Luke 24:39** Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."
    - (4) **Hebrews 2:14** Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--
5. We have been talking about Eternal Life, Rapture of the Church, Heaven. Here we see Jesus addressing His humanity. What He must pay for all of the above.
6. And His closest friends did not understand. Do we understand today.?

#### VIII. JESUS AGAIN SHOWS THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING!

- A. **Luke 18:35-43** As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup>They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup>He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup>Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup>Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, <sup>41</sup>"What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." <sup>43</sup>Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.
1. Who was going up to Jerusalem?
  2. Who or what is the center of this passage.
  3. What are we told about this man.
    - a. He was a blind man
    - b. He was setting by the road side begging.
    - c. What did this man have to offer God?

4. What did this man do?
  - a. He used his ears to hear that something was going on.
5. What did he do when he heard something was going on.
  - a. He used his mouth to ask a question.
6. What was he told?
  - a. Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.
7. What did the blind man then do?
  - a. He used his brain to process some information.
    - (1) He was told that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.
    - (2) But he knew that this Jesus of Nazareth was more than He seemed.
8. He called out, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
  - a. Son of David
    - (1) He calls on the heritage of Jesus.
      - (a) The promises to Abraham.
      - (b) The promises to Israel
      - (c) The promises to David.
  - b. What is the man asking?
    - (1) If he asks this, it means that he believes Jesus can grant it.
9. THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IS FOUND IN WHEN AND WHERE THIS TOOK PLACE.
  - a. Jesus had been asked about the rapture
    - (1) An event in the future.
    - (2) Those with Him were happy to be going with Jesus.
    - (3) Jesus was on His way to the cross.
    - (4) Every one has his mind on the future. Tomorrow and beyond.
  - b. But here we see a man with an immediate need.
10. Jesus ask that the man be brought to Him.
11. Jesus asks, what do you want.
12. The man states what he wants.
13. Jesus says, your FAITH has healed you.
  - a. What faith?
  - b. What has this to do with all that we have seen beginning in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter, where the question was asked, "How many and who will be saved?"