



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

The Real-Life...



- Restoring brothers who sin...
- Forgiveness... 7 times?
- Marriage... One in God joined covenant (ch. 19)
 - Only God can make a marriage work
 - He is the one who “joins together”

Children



- A natural re-focus~
 - Lay hands and pray for children...
 - This was risky for parents, Jesus had just done what?
 - Disciples rebuke... never too busy for kids!
- Children brought to Jesus...
 - Learn love, power, prayer, grace, hope, faith, service
 - Parents are to do this, Church is to make room!!!

His Kids



- Children are:
 - Important, valued by God – Kingdom of Heaven belongs
 - They are welcome with Jesus
 - He willingly blesses them
 - We have an example of how to receive others...

And along comes...



- “Rich Young Ruler” (Mk 10; Lk 18)
- “what shall I do...” goal? Eternal life...
- Good Master/Teacher/Rabbi?
 - Why are you asking me? Only One is good...
 - Jesus is focusing the man... think about your question!
 - Keep the Commands... 613!

Which Laws?



- Not the right question... religion of works...
 - Self-righteousness pollutes God's holiness with evil
 - Self-righteousness lowers God, usually to our level...
- Failure comes due to human nature and sin's power
- Jesus hits 5 from the left side, duty to neighbor: murder, adultery, stealing, false witness, parents
- Love your neighbor as yourself (Lev 19:18)

Did he keep them?



- God's judgment is different than ours...Matt 5
- He knew he still lacked something...
- What did he still need? Jesus!
 - Leaving wealth to follow Jesus ~ He must be 1st! (Lk 9:23)
 - He left grieving:... what? What had he lost???

A great danger



- “hard” to enter carry the stuff of this world!
 - Self-sufficient, the big “I”, hoarding (Eph 4:28)
 - Apostles are stunned, we try to soften the teaching...
- Proverb of impossibility – note Mt 19:26
 - Men=Impossible
 - But with God...

Peter's Question...



- Apostles sacrifice... left everything?
 - Is this about money or assurance?
 - Had they done enough?
- On my Throne ~ 12 thrones, judging 12 tribes
 - What you have left for MY Name ~ many times more
 - **AND** shall inherit eternal life...

A jump off point...



- First last, last first?
 - Switched in order? Switched in honor?
 - Jump the chapter division!
 - NOTE: 20:16!!!
 - Landowner and his servants... full wage... hmmm...
 - Started with the last, ended with the first... grumbling...