**BMBC SERMONIC BIBLE STUDY 6/12/24**

**LET’S LEARN DEEPER AND PRESS TO DO BETTER**

**DO YOU KNOW WHO JESUS IS?**

Matthew 16:13-18 AMP

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**Let’s begin tonight with a question:**

**RATHER THAN WHO, WHAT DOES JESUS REPRESENT TO YOU AS A WITNESS?**

WE WILL COVER TONIGHT VERSES IN CHAPTER 16:1-18

**SERMONIC POINTS:**

**1 IT’S TIME TO KNOW JESUS FOR REAL!**

**2 PEOPLE WILL MESS YOU UP WHEN YOU DON’T KNOW!**

**3 CAN YOU TELL ME WHO JESUS IS?**

THE UNDERSTANDING OF WHO JESUS IS REQUIRES THE CHURCH TO HONESTLY CONNECT WITH HIM.

**Matthew 16:1-4**

1 Now the Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus [**to get something to use against Him**], **they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven** [**which would support His divine authority**]. 2 But He replied to them, "When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ 3 And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and has a threatening look.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but cannot interpret the signs of the times? 4 **An evil and [morally] unfaithful generation craves a [miraculous] sign; but no sign will be given to it, except the sign of [the prophet] Jonah**.” Then He left them and went away.

-PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING TO CHALLENGE THE AUTHORITY YOU POSSESS IN JESUS.

-SIGNS TO MOVE FORWARD AREN’T ALWAYS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED

-THE SIGN OF JONAH

\* Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.”     But He answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation demands a sign, but no sign will be

   given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish

   three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth three days and

   three nights. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn

   it, because they repented at Jonah’s proclamation; and look—something greater than Jonah is

   here!

\*  They had already seen signs, in other words. God had been generously pouring out signs and

    wonders, and he had been doing it on behalf of ordinary people — the poor, the broken, the

    disenfranchised.

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-THE SIGN OF JONAH-JONAH’S PRAYER:

Then **Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the stomach of the fish**, and he said, “I called out of my distress to the Lord, and he answered me. **I cried for help from the depth of Sheol**; **you heard my voice…“Water encompassed me to the point of death**. The great deep engulfed me, weeds were wrapped around my head. “I descended to the **roots of the mountains**. The earth with its bars was around me forever, **but you have brought up my life from the pit**, O Lord my God. “**While I was fainting away, I remembered the Lord**…“Then the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land. Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh…”

-WHAT YOU REALIZE AT THE POINT OF DEATH CARRIES YOU INTO ETERNITY. (JONAH PRAYED)

-NOT MY WILL BUT THY WILL BE DONE!

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**Matthew 16:5-7**

5 When the disciples reached the other side of the sea, **they realized** that **they had forgotten** to bring **bread**. 6 Jesus said to them, “**Watch out and be on your guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**” 7 They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, “He said that because we did not bring bread.”

-DON’T LOSE YOUR FOCUS

**Jesus used the term leaven** not to describe the physical substance that is used to make flour and dough rise. He used it as a metaphor to describe the Pharisees and Sadducees’ teaching. **As leaven permeates flour and causes it to rise and take form into bread, the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees (v 12) had a permeating effect upon life.** Leaven is only a small portion of the volume of bread dough, but has an outsized effect on its substance. In a similar way, the teaching of the **Pharisees had an outsized effect; however, unlike with bread dough, their leaven was harmful.**

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**13 Now when Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”**

-Caesarea Philippi was like a red-light district in the world and devout Jews would have avoided any contact with the despicable acts committed there.

-Caesarea Philippi was not eternally significant in any way until the Son of God chose it as the place where He declared the beginning of His church.

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