

“Hold my peace, I don’t think so!”

Matt 20:²⁰ Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping *him*, and desiring a certain thing of him. ²¹ And he said unto her, **What wilt thou?** She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. ²² But Jesus answered and said, **Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?** They say unto him, We are able. ²³ And he saith unto them, **Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.** ²⁴ And when the ten heard *it*, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. ²⁵ But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, **Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.** ²⁶ But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; ²⁷ And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: ²⁸ Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. ²⁹ And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. ³⁰ And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David. ³¹ And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David. ³² And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, **What will ye that I shall do unto you?** ³³ They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. ³⁴ So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Why are people always trying to get us to “hold our peace”, when it comes to the kingdom of God?

I.) The truth sets us free, and takes power from those who would oppress us.

Luke 19:37-40³⁷ And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; ³⁸ Saying, Blessed *be* the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.⁴⁰ And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

II.) The truth of Jesus had not been revealed to the people.

A.) The Crowd

1.) The crowd saw Jesus as a prophet. Mt. 21:10-11

2.) The crowd believed the messiah would restore the kingdom of Israel to greatness. Mt. 21:9

3.) Hosanna> save us now

B.) The Pharisees saw him as a teacher or “rabbi” Mt. 21:15

III.) The people did not believe in him as Emanuel

A.) As it was prophesied:

- 1.) Prophecy given. Isaiah 53:1** Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
- 2.) Prophecy fulfilled. John 12:37** But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:**38** That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

B.) Jesus wept because of their unbelief. Luke 19:42-44**41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,****42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.****43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,****44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.**

We must praise him or the stones will! Luke 19: 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.