

Sermon Notes

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Title: PROGRESSIVE RECOGNITION

Main Text: Mast 16:13-21

Sermon Description: This message chronicles the testimony of the witnesses of Christ's words and works. We find onlookers progressively processing the implications of Jesus' identity revealed through gospel events until the half way point in Matthew's gospel. This sermon takes a few steps back by way of overview highlighting the discoveries of the identity of Jesus by His followers that occur incrementally through His life and ministry. Echoes of Exodus continue to resound in the broader historical situation of Jesus' self disclosure. The strategic positioning of these events in the timeline of Jewish history are stunning... and the shocking realization of the witnesses is thoroughly documented.

HEADING: At the Central Point of Matthew's Gospel, Christ has been Recognized As:

1. SUPERIOR IN RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY (Mt 7:28-29)

- a. Inter-testamental context
- b. History of Pharisees
- c. 400 years coming

2. SOVEREIGN OVER CREATION (Mt 8:27)

- a. Son of man (8:20)
- b. Sort of Man
- c. Demonic witness (8:29)

3. SAVIOR OF THE SOUL (Mt 9:8)

- a. Greater miracle
- b. Purpose of miracle
- c. Range of reaction

4. SINGULAR IN HISTORY (Mt 9:33-34)

- a. Blind men see (9:27)
- b. Cultural significance
- c. Pharisee antithesis

5. SON OF DAVID (Mt 12:23-24)

- a. Kingdom reference
- b. Pharisee antithesis
- c. Contrasting unbelief (13:54-58)

6. SON OF GOD (Mt 14:33)

- a. Revelatory language (ps 29)
- b. Significance of worship
- c. Divine revelation (Mt 16:13-21)

Conclusion: Where do we fall in the dramatic range of reactions to the testimony of Jesus Christ through His Word? May our response be nothing less than Mt 16:13-21.... And if not, let us repent immediately!

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Religious superiority	Sovereignty & creation	Savior of soul	Historically singular	Son of David	Son of God
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mt 7:28-29	Mt 8:27	Mt 9:8	Mt 9:33-34	Mt 12:23-24	Mt 14:33, 16:13-21