

Treasure Hunt

- What was right, and what was wrong, about the Jerusalem representatives who came to see the Lord Jesus?
- What was the motive for the oral tradition?
- What is right, and what is wrong, about this motive?
- How did the Jews abuse this principle in their tradition about a “gift” (vv. 5-6)?
- How is the Lord’s quotation of Isa 29:13 in vv. 8-9 consistent with the broader context of Isaiah 29?

The Proclamation of Jesus the King

Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom

1:1-4:16 The Person of Jesus the King

4:17-16:20 The Proclamation of Jesus the King

16:21-28:20 The Passion of Jesus the King

4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach, ..."

4:17-11:30 Call & Preparation of the Disciples

Calling	4:18-22 the Four	↑ ↑	9:36-10:4 the Twelve	↑	11:2-30 (28) all
Summary	4:23 teaching ... preaching ... healing	↑ ↓	9:35 teaching ... preaching ... healing	↑	11:1 teach ... preach
Training	ch. 5-7 Teaching		ch. 8-9 Healing		10:5-42 Preaching

12:1-13:58 The Great Schism

	Ch. 12	Ch. 13
Public Rejection	1-45, the Pharisees reject the Lord	1-52, the Lord rejects unbelievers (by hiding his teaching in parables)
Private Rejection	46-50, the Lord rejects his family	53-58, his home town rejects the Lord

14:1-16:20 Growing Opposition

- 14:1-12 **King Herod kills the Baptist**
- **14:13-36 Miracles**
- **15:1-28 Pharisaic Rejection**
- **15:29-39 Miracles**
- **16:1-12 Pharisaic Rejection**
- 16:13-20 **Peter confesses King Jesus**

15:1-28 as an Echo of 12:1-38 (“folded chiasm”)

12:1-38

1-8 Picking grain on the Sabbath
2 But when the **Pharisees** saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

9-14 Healing on the Sabbath
14 Then the **Pharisees** went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15-21 Healing great multitudes
18 he shall shew judgment to the **Gentiles**.
21 And in his name shall the **Gentiles** trust.

22-37 Casting out a Demon
24 But when the **Pharisees** heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

38-45 Seeking a Sign
38 Then certain of the scribes and of the **Pharisees** answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

15:1-28

1-20 Discussion on Uncleanness

1 Then came to Jesus scribes and **Pharisees**, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.
12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the **Pharisees** were offended, after they heard this saying?

21-28 The Canaanite Woman
22 And, behold, a **woman of Canaan** came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

v. 1 ...which were of Jerusalem

Joh 1:19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites **from Jerusalem** to ask him, Who art thou?

Luk 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, **and Judaea, and Jerusalem:** and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.

...20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

Mar 3:22 And the scribes which came down **from Jerusalem** said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

Oversight Visits

Jer 29:1 Now these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

Act 11:22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. 23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

Act 15:1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, *and said*, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. 2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

Act 15:36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they do.

The Tradition of the Elders

Pirkei Avot 1:1 Moses received the Torah from Sinai and gave it over to Joshua. Joshua gave it over to the Elders, the Elders to the Prophets, and the Prophets gave it over to the Men of the Great Assembly. They [the Men of the Great Assembly] would always say these three things: Be cautious in judgement. Establish many pupils. **And make a safety fence around the Torah.**

Deu 22:8 When thou buildest a new house, then **thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof**, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

The Structure of 5:21-48

The Manward Contrasts

	21 Murder	27 Adultery	31 Divorce	33 Oaths	38 Revenge	43 Love
Ye have heard that	x	x		x	x	x
it was said	x	x	x	x	x	x
to them of old time	x			x		

Safety Fences around the Law

Exo 30:18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot *also* of brass, to wash *withal*: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. 19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: 20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: 21 **So they shall wash their hands and their feet**, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

Everybody wash your hands frequently (at every meal)

Deu 23:21 When **thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it**: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. 22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

If you say that you intend to give something to the Lord, you cannot give it to anybody else