

INTRODUCTION

1. Resurrected Jesus taught apostles how to interpret OT - Lk 24:44-47
2. Change in rlnshp to Gentiles from OCov to NCov. OCov: attract Gentiles into covenant; NCov: attract & engage in mission to Gentiles.
3. Isa 49:6 - sequence: restore remnant of Israel [purged of idolatry] then extend salvation to the ends of the earth.

1st: Jesus' Initial Ministry [Review]

1. Jesus' ministry identified w/ JnB: the hinge on wh/ OT pivots into NT.
 - i. JnB calls remnant to Christ who establishes NCov Israel: the church.
 - ii. Jesus the Bapt - Jn 4:1-3 baptize disciples; go to Galilee of Gentiles!
2. Recall 1st sermon in Nazareth - Elijah [Gentile widow] & Elisha [Gentile leper]: opposed by ethnic Jews.
3. Samaria: mercy to promiscuous woman: *the Savior of the world* [Jn 4:42]
4. Luke's genealogy: *son of Adam, Son of God* - the obedient Adam & Israel

2nd: Jesus' Interactions with Gentiles During His Public Ministry

1. Jesus sent out the 12 to call the remnant out of OCov Israel [Mat 10:5-6].
2. Roman Centurion - Lk 7:1-10 faith not found in theocratic Israel.
3. Garasene Demoniac - Lk 8:26-39 1st missionary! Mrk 5:19-20 *Decapolis*
4. Tyre & Decapolis - Mrk 7:1-23 denounces Phar's idolatrous: *vain worship*
 - i. Syrophenician woman - v24-30 unclean Gentile w/ faith made clean

- ii. Decapolis - v31-37 heals deaf/mute - Isa 35:3-5. Mrk 8:1-13 feed 4K in Gentile region - v10 in Dalmanutha then Bethsaida - v22

5. Cleanse Temple - curse barren fig tree [judge OCov Israel] - Mrk 11:15-17

- i. 2nd temple cleansing [1st in Jn 2:13-22 - cites Ps 69:9]
- ii. Cites Isa 56:7b - v3 foreigners & eunuchs in temple! Merchants had taken space allotted to Gentiles.
- iii. Cites Jer 7:11 Jeremiah's rebuke - v1-11.
- iv. Jesus judges theocratic Israel for idolatrous apostasy; calls remnant to repentant faith & extends salvation to Gentiles.

Applic #1: Ask Jesus to Teach You How to Interpret Scripture

1. Challenge: navigating from OT into NT. Some discard OT; or equate w/ NT; or overemphasize OT; or overemphasize NT: need balance.
2. Continuity of repentance & faith in promises of God [Hb 11] - now substantiated in the person & work of Jesus [Hb 1:1-2].
3. The resurrected Jesus spent 40 days teaching how to interpret OT.

Applic #2: Ask Jesus to Teach You What it Means to be the People of God

1. What is your identity?
2. False attempts to claim status of God's people - Exodus motif variously commandeered.
3. "Who are People of God?" answered in resurrection - [R 8:21; Col 3:3b-4]
04. We are to demonstrate resurrection life as God's people - 1 Pt 2:9-10

- i. Our identity defined by OT - vss from Ex & Deut & Isa & Hos.
 - ii. This OCov vocabulary defines the NCov church.
5. May the Spirit enable us to be the people who bear the name of Jesus!