

INTRODUCTION

1. Jesus begins public ministry by identifying w/ JnB - *in order to fulfill all righteousness* [Mat 3:15] & to confirm His Messianic identity to JnB.
 - i. Jesus forms "eschatological Israel" - flock of NCov.
 - ii. Necessity of new birth - [Jn 1:11-13; 3:3].
 - iii. Sinners from OCov Israel & Gentiles came to Jesus.

2. This AM - Jesus' teaching re: nations - how to interp OT - Lk 24:44-47.

1st: Jesus' Teachings About Gentile Salvation/Inclusion

1. Parable of Tenants of God's Vineyard - Mat 21:33-46 Gentile salvation in context of judgment on Israel's apostasy.
 - i. Isa 5:1-2 [v33] Israel is God's vineyard - led by corrupt leaders.
 - ii. Rehearses OCov history [as Stephen in A 7] - rejection of prophets culminates in murder of Messiah. v45 Phars knew Jesus spoke to them
 - iii. Ps 118:22-23 [v42] - prophecy of suffering & triumph of Jesus.
 - iv. Vineyard [kingdom] taken from tenants & given to fruitful nation [v43]
 - v. One vineyard w/ fruitful-soil hearers: remnant in Israel + believing Gentiles. Gentile not given their own vineyard but are included among the true sons of Ab, identified by faith & worship: NCov Israel.

2. Parable of Banquet Dinner - Lk 10 - 70 sent [table of nations in Gn 10]. 10:9b-16 - Israel's villages rejected Jesus - Tyre & Sidon fare better in FJ.
 - i. Lk 13:22-30 who is seated at banquet table? who is absent?
 - ii. Lk 14 - setting of meal to teach on kingdom - Lk 14:15-24 missions

3. Commendable Samaritans - recall Samaritan woman/village in Jn 4:42 Jesus is *the Savior of the world*.
 - i. Lk 10:29-34 Parable of Good Samaritan: "Am I a good neighbor?"

- ii. Lk 17:11-19 10 healed lepers - only Samaritan *gave glory to God*.

4. Prophecy of the Gospel Going to the Nations - Mat 24:3-14. Time tw/ 1st & 2nd comings of Christ. Compare v14 w/ Lk 24:46-47 = parallel.
 - i. Mrk 13:10 *gospel must first be preached to all the nations*
 - ii. Preaching is itself an eschatological sign - a fulfillment of prophecy.

2nd: Jesus' Crucifixion Among the Gentiles

1. Jn 18:33-38 Jesus kingdom is *not of this world - not of this realm*: i.e. of the new creation - concerns resurrection & the age to come: redemptive.
 - i. King Jesus reigns now. How? *Testify = witness* of Lk 24:48 *You are witnesses of these things* - mandate to proclaim the gospel.
 - ii. *Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice* = Jesus' sheep [Jn 1:13].

2. Mrk 15:39 confession of faith by a centurion: *Son of God* = Mrk's inclusio - *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God* [Mrk 1:1].

Applic #1: Our Commission in Context

1. A 1:3 - resurrected Jesus spent 40 days w/ apostles *speaking of the things concerning the Kingdom of God* - what things? Lk 24:44-48

2. Jesus spent 40 days - we've invested 14 hrs. Has it time wisely spent?

3. We have now come alongside the apostles in our present time in redemptive history, entrusted w/ the gospel. Let us not be distracted from this message: *that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations*.