

## Galilean Districts Ministry—Who is the Greatest? (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 18:1–5	Mark 9:33–37	Luke 9:46–48
<p>1 At that time the disciples came up to Jesus, saying, “Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”</p> <p>2 And calling a child <i>to himself</i>, he had him stand in their midst</p> <p>3 and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you turn around and become like young children, you will never enter into the kingdom of heaven!</p> <p>4 Therefore whoever humbles himself like this child, this person is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven,</p> <p>5 and whoever welcomes one child such as this in my name welcomes me.</p>	<p>33 And they came to Capernaum. And <i>after he</i> was in the house, he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?”</p> <p>34 But they were silent, because they had argued with one another on the way <i>about who was</i> greatest.</p> <p>35 And he sat down <i>and</i> called the twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be last of all and servant of all.”</p> <p>36 And he took a young child <i>and</i> had him stand among them. And taking him in his arms, he said to them,</p> <p>37 “Whoever welcomes one of the young children such as these in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me, but the one who sent me.”</p>	<p>46 And an argument developed among them as to who of them might be greatest.</p> <p>47 But Jesus, <i>because he</i> knew the thoughts of their hearts,</p> <p>took hold of a child and had him stand beside him</p> <p>48 and said to them,</p> <p>“Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For the one who is least among you all—this one is great.”</p>

## Galilean Districts Ministry—Warnings from Jesus (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 18:6–14	Mark 9:38–50	Luke 9:49–50
	<p>38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone expelling demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he was not following us.”</p> <p>39 But Jesus said, “Do not prevent him, because there is no one who does a miracle in my name and will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.</p> <p>40 For whoever is not against us is for us.</p> <p>41 For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in <i>my</i> name because you are Christ’s, truly I say to you that he will</p>	<p>49 And John answered <i>and</i> said, “Master, we saw someone expelling demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him, because he does not follow in company with us.”</p> <p>50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not prevent <i>him</i>, because</p> <p>whoever is not against you is for you.”</p>

<p>6 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him that a large millstone be hung on his neck and he be drowned in the depths of the sea.</p> <p>7 Woe to the world because of causes for stumbling, for <i>it is</i> a necessity <i>that</i> causes for stumbling come; nevertheless, woe to the person through whom the cause for stumbling comes.</p> <p>8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw <i>it</i> from you! It is better for you to enter into life crippled or lame than, having two hands or two feet, to be thrown into the eternal fire!</p> <p>9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw <i>it</i> from you! It is better for you to enter into life one-eyed than, having two eyes, to be thrown into fiery hell!</p> <p>10 “See to it that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven constantly see the face of my Father <i>who is</i> in heaven.</p> <p>11 [<i>not in early MSS</i>]</p> <p>12 What do you think? If a certain man has a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go <i>and</i> look for the one that wandered away?</p> <p>13 And if he happens to find it, truly I say to you that he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that did not wander away.</p> <p>14 In the <i>same</i> way it is not the will of your Father <i>who is</i> in heaven that one of these little ones perish.</p>	<p>never lose his reward.</p> <p>42 “And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it is better for him if instead a large millstone is placed around his neck and he is thrown into the sea.</p> <p>43 And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off! It is better <i>for</i> you to enter into life crippled than, having two hands, to go into hell— into the unquenchable fire!</p> <p>44 [<i>identical to v. 48, not in early MSS</i>]</p> <p>45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off! It is better <i>for</i> you to enter into life lame than, having two feet, to be thrown into hell!</p> <p>46 [<i>identical to v. 48, not in early MSS</i>]</p> <p>47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out! It is better <i>for</i> you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than, having two eyes, to be thrown into hell, 48 ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not extinguished.’ [<a href="#">Isa 66:24</a>]</p> <p>49 For everyone will be salted with fire. 50 Salt <i>is</i> good, but if the salt becomes deprived of its salt content, by what can you make it salty? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”</p>	
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## Galilean Districts Ministry—Sin, Restoration and Forgiveness (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 18:15–35

**Treatment of a Sinning Brother**

15 “Now if your brother sins against you, go correct him between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

16 But if he does not listen, take with you in addition one or two *others*, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every matter may be established. [Deut 19:15]

17 And if he refuses to listen to them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses to listen to the church also, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

18 “Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you release on earth will be released in heaven.

19 Again, truly I say to you that if two of you agree on earth about any matter that they ask, it will be done for them from my Father *who is* in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them.”

**The Basis of Forgiveness**

21 Then Peter came up to him *and* said, “Lord, how many times will my brother sin against me and I will forgive him? Up to seven times?”

22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven!

23 “For this *reason* the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man—a king—who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves.

24 And *when* he began to settle *them*, someone was brought to him who owed ten thousand talents.

25 And *because* he did not have *enough* to repay *it*, the master ordered him to be sold, and his wife and his children and everything that he had, and to be repaid.

26 Then the slave threw himself to the ground *and* began to do obeisance to him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay back everything to you!’

27 So the master of that slave, *because he* had compassion, released him and forgave him the loan.

28 But that slave went out *and* found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and taking hold of him, he began to choke *him*, saying, ‘Pay back everything that you owe!’

29 Then his fellow slave threw himself to the ground *and* began to implore him, saying, ‘Be patient with me and I will repay you!’

30 But he did not want to, but rather he went *and* threw him into prison until he would repay what was owed.

31 So *when* his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were extremely distressed, and went *and* reported to their master everything that had happened.

32 Then his master summoned him *and* said to him, ‘Wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you implored me!

33 Should you not also have shown mercy to your fellow slave as I also showed mercy to you?’

34 And *because he* was angry, his master handed him over to the merciless jailers until he would repay everything that was owed.

35 So also my heavenly Father will do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from your hearts!”

## To Jerusalem—Jesus’ Brothers Ridicule Him (Tishri [October] 32)

John 7:2–9

2 Now the feast of the Jews—the *feast of* Tabernacles—was near.

3 So his brothers said to him, “Depart from here and go to Judea, so that your disciples also can see your works that you are doing.

4 For no one does anything in secret and *yet* he himself desires to be publicly recognized. If you are doing these *things*, reveal yourself to the world!”

5 (For not even his brothers believed in him.)

6 So Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I am testifying about it, that its deeds are evil.

8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, because my time is not yet completed.

9 And *when he* had said these *things*, he remained in Galilee.

## To Jerusalem—Journey through Samaria (Tishri [October] 32)

Luke 9:51–56

John 7:10

51 Now it happened that when the days were approaching for him to be taken up, he set *his* face to go to Jerusalem.

52 And he sent messengers before him, and they went *and*

10 But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not openly, but (as it were) in secret.

entered into a village of the Samaritans in order to prepare for him.  
 53 And they did not welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem.  
 54 Now *when* the disciples James and John saw *it*, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”  
 55 But he turned around *and* rebuked them,  
 56 and they proceeded to another village.

### To Jerusalem—Following Jesus (Tishri [October] 32)

Matthew 8:19–22

19 And a scribe approached *and* said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go!”  
 20 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky *have* nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”  
 21 And another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.”  
 22 But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead!”

Luke 9:57–62

57 And *as* they were traveling on the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go!”  
 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky *have* nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay *his* head.”  
 59 And he said to another, “Follow me!”  
 But he said,  
 “Lord, first allow me to go *and* bury my father.”  
 60 But he said to him,  
 “Leave the dead to bury their own dead!  
 But you go *and* proclaim the kingdom of God.”  
 61 And another *person* also said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first allow me to say farewell to those in my house.”  
 62 But Jesus said, “No one who puts *his* hand on the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God!”

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