

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 to Jesus saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”</p> <p>2 He called a child, had him stand among them,</p> <p>3 and said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn around and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven!</p> <p>4 Whoever then humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>5 And whoever welcomes a child like this in my name welcomes me.</p>	<p>33 Then they came to Capernaum. After Jesus was inside the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?”</p> <p>34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.</p> <p>35 After he sat down, he called the twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”</p> <p>36 He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them,</p> <p>37 “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”</p>	<p>46 Now an argument started among the disciples as to which of them might be the greatest.</p> <p>47 But when Jesus discerned their innermost thoughts,</p> <p>he took a child, had him stand by his side,</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 is the one who 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>6 “But if anyone causes one of these little</p>	<p>38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us.”</p> <p>39 But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to say anything bad about me.</p> <p>40 For whoever is not against us is for us.</p> <p>41 For I tell you the truth, whoever gives you a cup of water because you bear Christ’s name will never lose his reward.</p> <p>42 “If anyone causes one of these little</p>	<p>49 John answered, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he is not a disciple along with us.”</p> <p>50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not stop him,</p> <p>for whoever is not against you is for you.”</p>

<p>ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a huge millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the open sea.</p> <p>7 Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! It is necessary that stumbling blocks come, but woe to the person through whom they come.</p> <p>8 If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.</p> <p>9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into fiery hell.</p> <p>10 “See that you do not disdain one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.</p> <p>11 <i>[not in early MSS]</i></p> <p>12 What do you think? If someone owns a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go look for the one that went astray?</p> <p>13 And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.</p> <p>14 In the same way, your Father in heaven is not willing that one of these little ones be lost.</p>	<p>ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a huge millstone tied around his neck and to be thrown into the sea.</p> <p>43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off! It is better for you to enter into life crippled than to have two hands and go into hell, to the unquenchable fire.</p> <p>44 <i>[identical to v. 48, not in early MSS]</i></p> <p>45 If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off! It is better to enter life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.</p> <p>46 <i>[identical to v. 48, not in early MSS]</i></p> <p>47 If your eye causes you to sin, tear it out! It is better to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,</p> <p>48 where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched. [Isa 66:24]</p> <p>49 Everyone will be salted with fire.</p> <p>50 Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”</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 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault when the two of you are alone. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother.

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

17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen to the church, treat him like a Gentile or a tax collector.

18 “I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you release on earth will have been released in heaven.

19 Again, I tell you the truth, if two of you on earth agree about whatever you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you.
20 For where two or three are assembled in my name, I am there among them.”

The Basis of Forgiveness

21 Then Peter came to him and said, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother who sins against me? As many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, I tell you, but seventy-seven times!

23 “For this reason, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves.

24 As he began settling his accounts, a man who owed ten thousand talents was brought to him.

25 Because he was not able to repay it, the lord ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, children, and whatever he possessed, and repayment to be made.

26 Then the slave threw himself to the ground before him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will repay you everything.’

27 The lord had compassion on that slave and released him, and forgave him the debt.

28 After he went out, that same slave found one of his fellow slaves who owed him one hundred silver coins. So he grabbed him by the throat and started to choke him, saying, ‘Pay back what you owe me!’

29 Then his fellow slave threw himself down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will repay you.’

30 But he refused. Instead, he went out and threw him in prison until he repaid the debt.

31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were very upset and went and told their lord everything that had taken place.

32 Then his lord called the first slave and said to him, ‘Evil slave! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me!

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

34 And in anger his lord turned him over to the prison guards to torture him until he repaid all he owed.

35 So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if each of you does not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

John 7:2–9

2 Now the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near.

3 So Jesus’ brothers advised him, “Leave here and go to Judea so your disciples may see your miracles that you are performing.

4 For no one who seeks to make a reputation for himself does anything in secret. If you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.”

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

6 So Jesus replied, “My time has not yet arrived, but you are ready at any opportunity!

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 yourselves. I am not going up to this feast because my time has not yet fully arrived.”

9 When he had said this, he remained in Galilee.

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

Luke 9:51–56

John 7:10

51 Now when the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set out resolutely to go to Jerusalem.

52 He sent messengers on ahead of him. As they went along, they entered a Samaritan village to make things ready in advance for him,

53 but the villagers refused to welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem.

54 Now when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”

55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them,

56 and they went on to another village.

10 But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then Jesus himself also went up, not openly but in secret.

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

Matthew 8:19–22	Luke 9:57–62
<p>19 Then an expert in the law came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”</p> <p>20 Jesus said to him, “Foxes have dens, and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”</p> <p>21 Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”</p> <p>22 But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”</p>	<p>57 As they were walking along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”</p> <p>58 Jesus said to him, “Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”</p> <p>59 Jesus said to another, “Follow me.”</p> <p>But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”</p> <p>60 But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”</p> <p>61 Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say goodbye to my family.”</p> <p>62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”</p>

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