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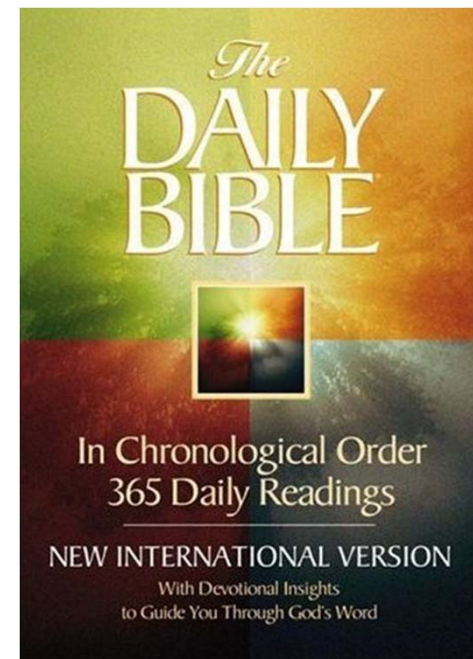
Miracles, Parables, Crowds & Conflict Lesson 45

November 7, 2010

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This Week

- ▶ We'll cover readings for October 31-November 6
- ▶ Middle of the Gospels
 - ▶ Miracles
 - ▶ Healings
 - ▶ Parables
 - ▶ Opposition
 - ▶ ***Straight Talk***



Not Peace, But a Sword

- ▶ Matthew 10:34-39

- ▶ ³⁴“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. **I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.** ³⁵For I have come to turn ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law — ³⁶a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’”

- ▶ What does Jesus mean by this?



Traditions of the Elders

▶ Mark 7:1-5

- ▶ ¹The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and ²saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean,” that is, unwashed. ³(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?”



Traditions of Men

- ▶ Mark 7:6-8

- ▶ ⁶He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

- ▶ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’

- ▶ ⁸You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.”

- ▶ What is the lesson for us?



Clean vs. Unclean

▶ Mark 7:14-19

- ▶ ¹⁴Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’” ¹⁷After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸“Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him ‘unclean’? ¹⁹For it doesn’t go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods “clean.”)



Clean vs. Unclean (cont.)

- ▶ Mark 7:20-22

- ▶ ²⁰He went on: “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’ ²¹For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”

- ▶ What’s the meaning here?

- ▶ It’s not about externalities, but rather what’s in the heart



For Discussion

- ▶ Who did Jesus seem to have the most difficulty with?
 - ▶ The Pharisees
- ▶ Why was that the case?
- ▶ The only people that Jesus ever stood toe-to-toe with and condemned were the most “religious” people of that day
- ▶ Keep these in mind:
 - ▶ Why could they not believe?
 - ▶ How does that relate to us today?
 - ▶ What lesson(s) should we take away from this?



The People Query Jesus

▶ John 6:25-29

- ▶ ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” ²⁶Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” ²⁸Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”



Give Us a Sign

▶ John 6:30-33

- ▶ ³⁰So they asked him, “What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and **believe** you? What will you do? ³¹Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”



I Am the Bread ...

▶ John 6:34-40

- ▶ ³⁴“Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.” ³⁵Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who **believes** in me will never be thirsty. **³⁶But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.** ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. **⁴⁰For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.**”



How Can This Be?

▶ John 6:41-47

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⁴²They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven?’” ⁴³“**Stop grumbling among yourselves,**” Jesus answered. ⁴⁴“**No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.**” ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷I tell you the truth, he who **believes** has everlasting life.”



The Living Bread

▶ John 6:48-52

- ▶ “⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. ⁵⁰But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” ⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”



Real Food and Real Drink

▶ John 6:53-59

- ▶ ⁵³Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.



Does This Offend You?

▶ John 6:60-65

- ▶ ⁶⁰On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” ⁶¹Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “**Does this offend you?** ⁶²What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not **believe.**” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not **believe** and who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, “**This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.**”



To Whom Shall We Go?

▶ John 6:66-71

- ▶ ⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷“**You do not want to leave too, do you?**” Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “**Lord, to whom shall we go?** You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We **believe** and know that you are the Holy One of God.” ⁷⁰Then Jesus replied, “**Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!**” ⁷¹(He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)



Jesus' Brothers

▶ John 7:1-5

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My Time Has Not Come

▶ John 7:6-10

- ▶ ⁶Therefore Jesus told them, “The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil. ⁸You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come.” ⁹Having said this, he stayed in Galilee. ¹⁰However, after his brothers had left for the Feast, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.



Where Is That Man?

▶ John 7:11-14

- ▶ ¹¹Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, “Where is that man?” ¹²Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, “He is a good man.” Others replied, “No, he deceives the people.” ¹³But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews. ¹⁴Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach.



Not My Own Teaching

▶ John 7:15-19

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You Are Demon-Possessed!

▶ John 7:20-24

- ▶ ²⁰“You are demon-possessed,” the crowd answered. “Who is trying to kill you?” ²¹Jesus said to them, “I did one miracle, and you are all astonished. ²²Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a child on the Sabbath. ²³Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath? ²⁴Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”



Who Is This Man?

▶ John 7:25-29

- ▶ ²⁵At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, “Isn’t this the man they are trying to kill? ²⁶Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ? ²⁷But we know where this man is from; when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from.” ²⁸Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, ²⁹but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.”



Is This The Christ?

▶ John 7:30-34

- ▶ ³⁰At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come. ³¹Still, many in the crowd put their faith in him. They said, “**When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man?**” ³²The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him. ³³Jesus said, “I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me. ³⁴You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.”



Where Will He Go?

▶ John 7:35-38

- ▶ ³⁵The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What did he mean when he said, ‘You will look for me, but you will not find me,’ and ‘Where I am, you cannot come?’” ³⁷On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “**If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.** ³⁸**Whoever *believes* in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”**



Is He The Prophet?

▶ John 7:39-44

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Have You Been Deceived, Too?

▶ John 7:45-52

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My Testimony is Valid

▶ John 8:12-18

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You Don't Know Me

▶ John 8:19-22

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Who Are You?

▶ John 8:23-27

- ▶ ²³But he continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not **believe** that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.” ²⁵“Who are you?” they asked. “Just what I have been claiming all along,” Jesus replied. ²⁶“I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.” ²⁷They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father.



The Truth Will Set You Free

▶ John 8:28-32

- ▶ ²⁸So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. ²⁹The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” ³⁰Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him. ³¹To the Jews who had **believed** him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”



We're Not Slaves!

▶ John 8:33-38

- ▶ ³³They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” ³⁴Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. ³⁸I am telling you what I have seen in the Father’s presence, and you do what you have heard from your father.”



Abraham Is Our Father!

▶ John 8:39-41

- ▶ ³⁹“Abraham is our father,” they answered. “If you were Abraham’s children,” said Jesus, “then you would do the things Abraham did. ⁴⁰As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. ⁴¹You are doing the things your own father does.” “We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.”



Sons of the Devil

▶ John 8:42-47

- ▶ ⁴²Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. ⁴³Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵Yet because I tell the truth, you do not **believe** me! ⁴⁶Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you **believe** me? ⁴⁷He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”



Who Do You Think You Are?

▶ John 8:48-53

- ▶ ⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?” ⁴⁹“I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²At this the Jews exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”



I AM!

▶ John 8:54-59

- ▶ ⁵⁴Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. ⁵⁵Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷“You are not yet fifty years old,” the Jews said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” ⁵⁸“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, **“before Abraham was born, I am!”** ⁵⁹At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.



Are You The Christ?

▶ John 10:22-30

- ▶ ²²Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not **believe**. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, ²⁶but you do not **believe** because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."



Blasphemy!

▶ John 10:31-39

- ▶ ³¹Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, ³²but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?” ³³“We are not stoning you for any of these,” replied the Jews, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I have said you are gods’? ³⁵If he called them ‘gods,’ to whom the word of God came—and the Scripture cannot be broken—³⁶what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? ³⁷Do not **believe** me unless I do what my Father does. ³⁸But if I do it, even though you do not **believe** me, **believe** the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.” ³⁹Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.



Discussion Questions

- ▶ Many of Jesus' followers and those in the crowds around him are challenged by his teachings and claims in these readings, so that they can't overcome the obstacles to their faith. What obstacles do you have in the way of truly trusting in Jesus?
- ▶ Jesus tells some people that, though they don't perceive it, they are slaves! What kinds of things can enslave us without our knowledge?
- ▶ What do these passages teach about the connection between Jesus and the Father? How would you describe your connection to the Father? Could you use the same language Jesus does?



Your Turn ...

- ▶ What insights have you gained from this week's study?
- ▶ What did you find in these passages that you have never seen before?
- ▶ How did the Lord speak to your heart through the Word this week?
- ▶ How will your walk with Him be different as a result?



Next Week

- ▶ Readings for November 7-November 13
 - ▶ The Events Leading to Jesus' Death

Questions?

