

“Are You Building To Code?”

John 20:19-21

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Intro: Opening prayer from THE BRIDGE in St. J, VT

What was your favorite childhood game?

Do you remember playing “Simon Says...”

T/S: Before we pick up with the disciples later Easter night...
(see John 20:19ff)

Let me remind you of what happened that day...

The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

*13*And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. *14*And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. *15*While they were talking and discussing, **Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them.** *16*But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. *17*And He said to them, “What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?” And they stood still, looking sad. *18*One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, **“Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?”** *19*And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, *20*and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the

sentence of death, and crucified Him. **21**“But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. **22**“But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, **23**and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. **24**“Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” **25**And He said to them, **“O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!** **26**“Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” **27**Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

28And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. **29**But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. **30**When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. **31**Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. **32**They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?” **33**And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, **34**saying, “The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.”

35They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

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19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut/locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them:**

"Peace be with you."

(Person of Peace Ministry)

Jesus Sends Out the 70/72

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^a others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. **2** And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. **3** Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. **4** Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. **5** Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' **6** And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. **7** And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. **8** Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. **9** Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' **10** But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, **11** 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' **12** I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

13“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. **14**But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. **15**And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

16“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

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20When He had said this, **He showed them His hands and His side.** Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

(showing = “BE-ing” “salt and light”)

YOU/WE are to be His “hands & His side”

VIDEO: Moses in Uganda (Africa - Nov. 15th 5am)

John 20:21

21 Jesus said to them again, **“Peace be with you...
As the Father has sent Me,
so I am sending you.”**

The best place to begin exegeting this verse is...
2 Timothy 3:16-17

JESUS CAME TO REVEAL GOD TO MAN

The Incarnation of the Son of God unites earth to heaven. God's greatest revelation of Himself to man is in Jesus Christ. Revelation is the disclosure of truth previously unknown. Before the coming of the Son of God to earth many varied forms of revelation existed. Belief in the existence of God is innate. Since man is a rational, moral being, his very nature provides him with intuitive knowledge. As the mind of a child begins to unfold, it instinctively and intuitively recognizes a Being above and beyond the world that he experiences.

Matthew 28:17-20

17 When they saw him, they worshiped him;
but **some doubted.**

18 Then Jesus came to them and said,
**“All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.**

19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

"He humbled Himself." The world has never witnessed a more genuine act of self-humbling. So completely did our Lord humble Himself that He surrendered His will to the will of His Father in heaven. His desire was to do the will of the Father, therefore He could testify, "I do always those things that please Him" ([John 8:29](#)). It was humiliation for the eternal Son of God to become flesh in a stable, and then to dwell in a humble home in subjection to a human parent. God was "sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin" ([Romans 8:30](#)). Only eternity will reveal the depth of meaning for Him and for us found in those words, " He humbled Himself."

"He became obedient unto death." Remarkable indeed! Here the God-man dies. Did He die as God, or did He die as Man? He died as the God-Man. The first Adam's obedience would have been unto life, but because he disobeyed unto death, the last Adam must now obey unto death in order that He might deliver the first Adam's posterity "out of death into life" ([John 5:24 R.V.](#)). "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" ([1 Corinthians 15:22](#)). To subject Himself to the cruel death of a criminal on the cross was a necessary part of God's plan of salvation for men, and to such a death our Lord voluntarily submitted. Implicit obedience!

“...I did not come to be served, but to serve.”

- Mark 10:45

“...I came to testify to the Truth”

- John 18:37

He came to bear witness to the truth.

“For this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice” (John 18:37).

“...I came to seek & save the lost”

- Luke 19:10

He came to save sinners.

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (**I Tim. 1:15**)

Jesus Christ came into the world to call sinners to repentance.

Mark 2:17, "When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them,
They that are whole have no need of the physician, but
they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but
sinners to repentance."

Jesus Christ came into the world to be a Light in the world.

John 12:46, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."

He came to show a pattern of holy living for Christians.

"Since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps" (**I Peter 2:21**).

"Learn from Me..." (**Matt. 11:29**).

He came to give His life as a ransom.

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (**Matthew 20:28**).

He came that men might have life more abundant.

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (**John 10:10**).

He came to reveal the Father.

"Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him" (**Matthew 11:27**).

"Jesus said to him, 'He who has seen Me has seen the Father'" (**John 14:9**).

He came to do the will of God.

"Then He added, 'Look, I have come to do Your will'" (**Hebrews 10:9**).

He came to preach.

“But He said to them, ‘I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose’” (**Luke 4:43**).

Jesus Christ came into the world to Proclaim or preach the Good News about the Kingdom of God.

Mark 1:38, "And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth."

Jesus Christ came into the world to be a Divider of men.

Matthew 10:34, 35, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."

Jesus Christ came into the world as a demonstration of God's Love.

1 John 4:10, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Psalm 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

Christ's Command:

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

(per Acts 1:3)

"He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God."

Acts 1:1-9

1In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Christ’s Warning:

Parable of the Talents

(Matthew 25:13-30)

13 “Therefore stay alert, because you do not know the day or the hour. 14 For it is like a man going on a journey, who summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The one who had received five talents went off right away and put his money to work and gained five more. 17 In the same way, the one who had two gained two more. 18 But the one who had received one talent went out and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money in it. 19 After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled his accounts with them. 20 The one who had received the five talents came and brought five more, saying, ‘Sir, you entrusted me

with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’ 21 His master answered, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You have been faithful in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 The one with the two talents also came and said, ‘Sir, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more.’ 23 His master answered, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 Then the one who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Sir, I knew that you were a hard man, harvesting where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered, ‘Evil and lazy slave! So you knew that I harvest where I didn’t sow and gather where I didn’t scatter? 27 Then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received my money back with interest! 28 Therefore take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten. 29 For the one who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. 30 And throw that worthless slave into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

It is a simple story that our Lord tells here. A man who is preparing to leave on a journey entrusts his possessions to his servants. He distributes his wealth among three servants, apportioned to them on the basis of their abilities. To the first he entrusted five talents, to the second two talents, and to the third one talent. The first two servants quickly [272](#) set to work with their master’s money. The third servant did not invest his master’s money at all; he dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. When the master returned, the first two eagerly met their master, apparently

delighted in the opportunity to multiply their master's money.²⁷³ Both were commended as "good and faithful servants"; both were rewarded with increased responsibilities in their master's service; both were invited to share in their master's joy.

The master's dealings with the third servant is a very different matter. This servant came to his master with only the talent his master had originally entrusted to him. He did not increase his master's money at all. In fact, if this were to take place today, that money would likely be worth less, due to inflation. This servant offered a feeble excuse for his conduct. He told his master that he was a harsh and cruel man, a man who was demanding, and who expected gain where he had not labored. He contended that this is why he was afraid to take a risk with any kind of investment. And so he simply hid the money, and now he returned it, without any gain. The master rebuked this slave for being evil and lazy. He took his talent from him, gave it to the one who earned ten, and cast this fellow into outer darkness, where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth.

We should carefully note the outcome of faithful service, and of unfaithful service, in this parable. Faithful service led to increased responsibilities in the kingdom of heaven, and eternal joy in the presence of the Master, Jesus Christ. Unfaithful service led to condemnation, the removal of one's stewardship, and an eternity of weeping and gnashing of teeth in outer darkness, away from the presence of our Lord.

One must surely conclude that this parable is not just an interesting story, but a message of eternal significance. Let us listen carefully then, looking to God's Spirit to enlighten our hearts and minds, and to empower our service, to the glory of God and our eternal good

CLOSE:

Read this passage for impact, inspection, & inspiration!

John 17:13-23 - The Disciples in the World

13“But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. **14**“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15**“I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. **16**“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17**“Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. **18**“**As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.** **19**“For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

20“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; **21**that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Their Future Glory

22“The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; **23**I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

Contrast Jude's stark 25 verses of warning:

The Warnings of History to the Ungodly

1Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: **2**May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

3Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints. **4**For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

5Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. **6**And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, **7**just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

8Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. **9**But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" **10**But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed. **11**Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. **12**These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love

feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; **13**wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.

14*It* was also about these men *that* Enoch, *in* the seventh *generation* from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, **15**to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” **16**These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their *own* lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of *gaining an* advantage.

Keep Yourselves in the Love of God

17But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, **18**that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.” **19**These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit. **20**But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **21**keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. **22**And have mercy on some, who are doubting; **23**save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

24Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, **25**to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

(and 1st John’s bold “*defining & defending*” of true, biblical Church... a.k.a. “*ekklesia in koinonia*”)

Remember: the Lord is NOT a polygamist...

ONE Bride... One BRIDGE...

ALL peoples & places!

(see our quilt)

Like a redwood forest...

**strength through interwoven life on life
RELATIONSHIPs,**

**Relationships that are woven together with the red
thread of the gospel,**

and

Sown together supernaturally – “*miraculously*”

by the Holy Spirit of Jesus, *THE Messiah,*

**thereby *moving and transforming*
the**

**Messiah’s miraculous missionaries
into**

truly missional living.

Amen and AMEN!

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

VIDEO: "Send Me – Amen!" (Asia)

Acts 1:8

"...YOU WILL receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon YOU, and YOU will be MY witnesses (marytrs)... locally, regionally, and globally"

Kent Island = locally

St. J Vermont = regionally

Asia & Africa = globally (plus 600+ visits/day)

Let's Pray

Selah: "My Heart, My Hands, My Voice"

Selah: "Hope of the Broken World"