Get Behind Me

Ken Chapman · Matthew 16:13–24

INTRODUCTION

- And so maybe we're not fair to Peter in characterizing him as just that guy who said the wrong things and spoke up too quick.
- Peter has demonstrated his correct understanding of the person of Jesus.
- You understand who I am, the person of Jesus Christ. Now let's talk about the mission of Jesus Christ.

1 Even Believers May Become Adversaries

Matthew 16:22–23; Matthew 18:6

- The first observation I would make is that even believers may become adversaries.
- Although I can believe in God, I can believe in Jesus Christ, I can believe the Bible is the infallible word of God, it's still possible for me to become an adversary to the cause of Christ.
- Even sometimes the good guys can be bad guys. That even though I'm a believer, that I can sometimes be an adversary.
- Anyone who would cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better, the millstones hung around their neck and they're thrown into the depth of the sea.
- Peter demonstrated that he understood the person of Jesus Christ, but not the mission of Jesus Christ.

2 We Cannot Accept Part of Jesus Without All of Him

Matthew 23:23

- Christianity is a all or nothing proposal. We have to be all in. We can't be just a little bit Christian.
- I want to have Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God. I'll embrace that. But I don't want the Jesus that's going to suffer and die.
- Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you pay tithe of mint, anis, and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith.
- I don't get to pick and choose. I don't get to pick the parts that I'm good at, that I like, that come easy to me. I've got to do it all.
- But we must accept, if we accept him as Savior, we have to accept him as Lord.
- We have to accept all that Jesus demands of us. Even when it makes us uncomfortable and challenges our preconception.

3 We Got to Remember Our Place

Matthew 16:23–24

- The word Satan is a word before it was a name. The word Satan just means adversary.
- You're on the side of Satan. You're acting on his behalf rather than my behalf.
- He was out in front telling Jesus what to do or what not to do.

- Your place is behind me, not leading, not directing. Your place is behind me, following me.
- If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.
- The word behind is the exact same word as after in verse 24.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you humble yourselves and follow him? Not your way, but his way by hearing the word of God, believing in it, repenting of your sins, turning your back on your own stubborn way and humbly following him.

MY NOTES