

Mt.12.14-16 "The Servant of God"
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INTRODUCTION:

"A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

Why did the Religious leaders & Herodians hate the Lord Jesus Christ so much?

- Jesus was **holy**, & they were not;
- He was **good**, & they were not;
- He was exercising a true **authority** from God, & they were not.

*The truly righteous are the truly influential.

Was Jesus forced to withdraw? _____

JESUS CONFORMED TO GOD'S PLAN vv.15–17

Jesus was never forced away from a place of ministry, but always withdrew of His **own volition**.

The Father's plan was not to shed Roman blood but His Son's blood,

... because only His Son's blood;

- ❖ could **atone** for the sins of mankind &
- ❖ open the way to heaven.

Jesus:

- ❖ had the true heart of a **servant**, &
- ❖ He was **submissive** to His Father &
- ❖ He was **single-minded** - wholly given to redeeming a lost world.

Jesus' miracles of healing demonstrated:

... His divine **power**,

... His divine **love**

He healed in order to **reveal** the loving heart of God.

Jesus always had **time** for those who were suffering & in need.

Christ feels:

- the **pain** that hurts us &
- the **weight** of burdens that grind us down; &
- in His gracious lovingkindness He
 - ✓ heals our hurts &
 - ✓ lifts our burdens.

- ❖ Although He had great compassion for the physical afflictions of the people, Jesus' primary work was to save **souls**, not bodies.

Jesus did not want His power to be too highly acclaimed – because it was not the **time**.

CONCLUSION:

Matthew assures His readers that Jesus is indeed the **Messiah**, just as foretold by **Isaiah the prophet**.

NEXT WEEK: "The Hope of the Nations"

Matthew 12.18-21 is a modified quotation of Is.42.1–4 - one of the most strikingly beautiful descriptions of Jesus Christ anywhere in Scripture.