

The Tuesday before the crucifixion VI

(Matthew 23) "Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, {2} saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. {3} "Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. {4} "For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. {5} "But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

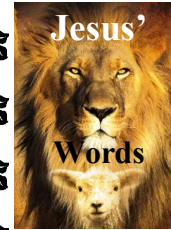
(Luke 20) {45} Then, in the hearing of all the people, He said to His disciples, {46} "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,

(Matthew 23) {7} "... and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' {8} "But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. {9} "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. {10} "And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. {11} "But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. {12} "And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

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Tuesday Crucial Concerns VI

On the Tuesday before His death Jesus gave his last public sermon, recorded in Matthew 23 and parallel verses. His strong words in that passage describe three ways we must change (today the first two):

1. We must adjust our _____, Matthew 23:1, 22:46, 23:37-39

Acts 6:7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Luke 19:41-44 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

John 7:37 ... "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

2 Samuel 19:4 "O my son Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Jeremiah 4:8 For this, clothe yourself with sackcloth, Lament and wail. For the fierce anger of the Lord— Has not turned back from us.

2. We must change our _____, 23:1-2

Two instructions to us, are implied by the errors of false teachers:

#1. _____ the Scripture, verses 3-4

Luke 4:31-32 Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. 32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

#2. Be a _____, verses 5-12

Luke 20:46 "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor. James 4:6 .. "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

