**Life of Christ #16-Greatness, Offenses, forgiveness**

**Matthew** **Mark**

**Luke**  **John**

**Who is the greatest? (Matt. 18:1-6, Mark 9:33-41, Luke 9:46-50)**

33 And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, **What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?** 46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, **which of them should be greatest**. 34 But they held their peace 47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, 48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: **for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great**. 49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us. 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us. 1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, **Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven**? 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven**. 4 Whosoever therefore shall **humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven**. 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. 6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

**Offenses (Matt. 18:7-14, Mark 9:42-50)**

7 Woe unto the world because of **offences**! for it must needs be that **offences** come; but woe to that man by whom the **offence** cometh!43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into **hell<geenna>,** into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into **hell<geenna>,** into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into **hell<geenna>** fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. Mr 9:49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. 50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another. 10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. 11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. 12 **How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?** 13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

**Dealing with brother in sin (Matt. 18:15-20)**

15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, **go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone**: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 **But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more**, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 **And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church**, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. 18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. **20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**

**Forgiveness (Matt. 18:21-35)**

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, **how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?** 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. 23 **Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened** unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which **owed him ten thousand talents**. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, **and forgave him the debt**. 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an **hundred pence**: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 **And he would not**: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, **O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?** 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 **So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses**.

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**Events around the last 6-month marker of Jesus ministry (John 7:1-10, Luke 9:51-62)**

**1** After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. 2 **Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand**. 3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. 4 For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. 5 For neither did his brethren believe in him. 6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. 8 Go ye up unto this feast: **I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. 9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee**.10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. 51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, **he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, 52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him**. 53 **And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem**. 54 And when his disciples **James** and **John** saw this, they said, **Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did**? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. **And they went to another village.** 57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, **Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest**. 58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, **Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father**. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, **Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house**. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.