

Prophet & King but No Savior

John 6:10-21

10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." 13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. 14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. 18 Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. 19 So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. 20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going. NKJV

As you will remember from last week Jesus does a very notable sign. He takes a boy's lunch and feeds about 10,000 people all they cared to eat.

Well this made quite an impression on them. They get together and think that Jesus is the Messiah, and they will line up behind Him or in front of Him, which ever the case might be and they will re-establish the Kingdom of David and run the Romans out of the country. They had a great plan and it would have worked except for one thing. No one bothered to ask Jesus if all this was alright with Him. Don't you suppose that when you get big plans that you might want to ask God if that is alright.

They had a great plan and from all appearances it looked great, but it had never occurred to anyone to ask Jesus what He wanted.

Have you ever got a great idea about what to do with your life, and you are just sure that God will help you along, but you have never really asked. Maybe you should read what James had to say. James 4:13-16

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

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- I. Truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.
 - A. This is the reaction of the men who had been following Jesus.
 1. They have eaten food made from practically nothing.
 2. They should have been amazed.
 3. But instead of working in them humility in His presence, they begin to work this for their own goals, their own advancement.
 4. They were not the last to try to turn Jesus into an advantage for themselves.
 5. “Jesus is usually sought after for another’s sake and not His own”
Augustine
 - B. The Prophet
 1. From the passage in Deut 18:15
 - a. Dt 18:15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, 16 according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' 17 And the Lord said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. 18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. 19 And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.
 2. A Prophet like Moses
 3. A Prophet to reveal God to the people
 4. God said He would put His words into the Prophet.
 5. The Prophet will speak all that God commands.
 6. If the people will not hear God’s words from the Prophet then God will require to know why.
- II. They would make Him King
 - A. It is so ridiculous.
 1. That men would set out to make Jesus King
 2. For He is already King.
 - a. The King is His title.

- b. 1 Ti 6:15 He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords
 - c. Mt 2:2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."
 - d. Mt 21:5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"
3. He is the supreme Sovereign of all beings.
 4. But a true Sovereign's hand can never be forced.
- B. They would make Him the King they desire.
1. They have a plan for Him.
 2. Instead of them falling down before Him as King and submitting to His will for them, if they truly want to be His subjects, they will force Him to be the King they want.
 3. Notice it does not say, they wanted to subject themselves to Him, but that they would by force make Him King.
 4. Sounds more like politics than a true king.
 5. They want Jesus to deliver them from Rome without a national repentance.
 6. Just like everyone else they think God will give them the easy way out.
- C. This is only the same temptation that Satan brought Him but with different circumstances.
1. Satan had offered Jesus the kingdoms of this world if only He would fall down and worship Satan.
 2. To reign as king without the cross, without the suffering, without the shame.
 3. Now they would offer Him the same thing, a political victory.
 4. He could destroy the Romans and reign here and now if He will.
 5. But Jesus told Pilate, the man they wanted Him to replace, that His kingdom was not now of this world.
 6. When Jesus came into the world the first time, He came as the Lamb of God to take away our sin.
 7. When He returns He will come as the King of Kings.

8. Rev. 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

III. If Jesus is not their Savior, neither will He be their King

A. Jesus sends the disciples over the Sea of Galilee.

1. In this area they are part of the problem.
2. They to are looking for Him to restore the kingdom to Israel.
3. Even after the resurrection that is the question that absorbs them still.
4. Ac 1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
5. Like those first followers we often forget that "the world is passing away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides for ever." 1Jo 2:17

B. Jesus sends away the multitudes.

1. He is not interested in their intentions.
2. They are a stumbling stone to Him.
3. He can fill their empty stomachs but not their empty hearts.
4. They do not desire Jesus for Jesus' sake but for their own.
5. He sends them away.

C. He goes into the mountain to pray.

1. Has it ever amazed you that Jesus, who has His person in perfect control, spends so much time in prayer.
2. This shows me that the temptation was real, although there was not chance Jesus falling.
3. But it is in prayer that Jesus gains the strength that He displays.

4. But He prays not only for His own strength but for that of the disciples.

IV. The disciples in trouble.

A. As the disciples row across the sea a wind come up and hinders them severely.

B. From His vantage point on the mountain Jesus can see the disciples in their struggle.

C. And yet Jesus is in prayer for them.

1. Have you ever found yourself in the midst of a sea that was tossing you all around and regardless how hard you rowed you cannot make it.
2. And you are there looking to the mountain where the Savior is praying for you and your wondering why He doesn't show up and calm the sea and take you to the appointed destination.
3. You see the problem is just like you can't make Him King, neither can you make Him show up and calm the storm.
4. But don't forget that He knows what you are going through, and he continues to pray for you.
5. Jesus told Peter, "Satan has desired to sift you, but I have prayed for you." If I would have been Peter, I would have said Lord just save me from the sifting, that sounds better.
6. But Peter was sifted and was made the better for it.
7. Satan says if God loved you He wouldn't allow you to go through all this.
8. Then why did Jesus have to suffer so? There was not reigning as King until He suffered on the cross.
9. Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.