

How has a believer in Jesus become the temple?

Sermon-Based Study Guide

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GOSPEL CONNECTION

But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²²even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation ^bin His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” Romans 3:21-26

Jesus came to earth, taught truth, lived holiness, and humbly laid down His life as the sacrifice for sin, once for all. All mankind needs a savior, a redeemer, for every one has sinned and falls short of the holiness of Creator God (Romans 3:23). Jesus willingly went to the cross and was murdered, taking on our sin in His death, which was done on our behalf. Jesus satisfied the wrath of His Father, who is holy, perfect, and just. The only way for someone to enter the presence of Almighty, Sovereign God is by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ whose blood shed on the cross satisfied God’s wrath against sin by being the perfect sacrifice (Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:1-2). In Christ alone man is reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:16-21).

APPLICATION

How will you live in gratitude this week for Jesus’ sacrificial gift given to you?

MEMORY VERSE

“What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” 2 Corinthians 6:16 (ESV)

Sermon Series:
King Jesus

Ethan Johnson
Century Baptist Church

The Temple

Matthew 24:1-2

1. The radiance of the temple
2. The ruin of the temple
3. The replacement of the temple

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Sermon-Based Community Life Group Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a community life group, Bible study, or missional community. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is a tool to facilitate that interaction.

The purpose of this guide is for all groups, studies, and communities to dive into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. This study guide can be used individually, however, the greatest benefit of growth in Scripture and faith comes when people are interacting together around Biblical truth and how God is at work in their lives.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 701.223.0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, and leading or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

What is the most beautiful and/or impressive building you have ever seen?

Introduction to Matthew

Matthew, someone has said, followed Jesus—and took his pen with him. As a tax collector, he was used to writing and to gathering information together in a clear and ordered way. When Jesus called him to live the life of a disciple, Matthew (called Levi in other places) was destined to use his gifts to give us an ordered and carefully written account of who Jesus was and what he came to do. As a disciple himself, Matthew focuses on three things: the King whom disciples follow, the lifestyle his disciples follow, and the way in which people become disciples. The identification of Jesus as a king draws us back into the Old Testament, to themes and predictions which find their fulfillment in his life and work.

(Campbell, I. D. (2008). Opening up Matthew (p. 14). Leominster: Day One Publications.)

Read Matthew 24:1-2 (parallel texts: Mark 13:1-2; Luke 21:5-6)

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Who is identified and present in this text?

When did this exchange take place, and where?

Where were they going?

What is the use and significance of the temple in the Old Testament?

What do Jesus' words in Matthew 23:38 and His departing the temple (24:1) signify to His disciples?

To what future event is Jesus referring in verse 2?

Read Mark 13:1-2 and Luke 21:5-6

What more do we learn from these parallel accounts of this interaction?

Matthew 24 begins the fifth and final discourse of Jesus recorded in this Gospel. What is the theme of this teaching?

What Biblical prophetic events does Jesus outline in this discourse?

What time periods are referenced in Matthew 24-25?