

Scripture References

Jeremiah 23:5 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.”

Isaiah 11:1-4a A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord— and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth...

Matthew 11:4-5 Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.”

Luke 14: 12-14 Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Matthew 25:35-40 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Romans 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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Justice Do It

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Fred Hennes, Sermon #649, “Jesus, King of Justice” (Jer 23:5)

The messianic hope was for a king who would reign wisely and do what is _____ and _____.

From prison, John the Baptist needed _____ that Jesus was the Messiah.

Jesus challenged people to open their _____ and _____ to the vulnerable.

Most think of righteousness as _____ to make yourself right with God.

Biblical righteousness is _____ relationships between people, which is created by justice, the _____ taken to create the right relationships.

Because the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), the cross is the place where God’s _____ was satisfied.

Jesus’ death, burial & resurrection was God’s action that provided for our _____.

There is a direct relationship between a person’s grasp and experience of God’s _____, and their heart for _____ for the oppressed.

While we do not live in a _____ and knowing that global injustice will only _____ when Jesus returns, we can strive to bring justice on earth to one _____ at a time.

Life Group Activity

1. Who is someone you know that falls into a “vulnerable” group of people? What do you do to help this person?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. What type of Messiah were people expecting 2,000 years ago? What type of god do people expect today?
4. Why was it important for John the Baptist to know if Jesus was indeed the Messiah (Matthew 11:1-5)? What answer do you think John was expecting and what answer did John receive?
5. Read Luke 11:39-54 and then explain how Jesus began to redefine what it meant to be righteous and why was he hated for doing this?

6. Keeping it as simple as you can, explain how justice and righteousness was accomplished by Jesus through his death on the cross.

Application Questions & Prayer

7. What difference can one person make when it comes to justice?
8. Describe a hypothetical person within this community that could benefit from your justice. What difference could your concern make to this one person?
9. Pray for one another so that you increase your sensitivity to justice and the actions you can take to ensure that others are treated well, and injustices are fixed.