

**The Messianic Miracles**  
**Casting Out A Dumb Spirit, Part 1**  
**Matthew 9:9-12:1**

**How do you listen to a sermon?** .... one way is to look for .....**Light and Heat**

- This particular sermon will be more 'light' than 'heat'
- But heat will come from light like.... My uncle's way of keeping his well pump warm in the winter ....
- Older preacher coaching a young one .... listening to sermons .... good light, poor heat etc.
- The Holy Spirit will bring heat to you out of this message and every message
- Jesus said: **He or She that has ears to hear, let them hear what (light or Heat) the Spirit says to the Churches ...**
- At CCR, because we go thru Books, sometimes the Light will be greater than the Heat and vice versa
- You may visit here and catch a message heavy on light or heavy on heat, depending on the verses
- Ephesians and Romans are very much structure with more light at the front end and heat in the later chs.
- Even 1 Peter 1:1-12 is primarily light, but in v.13 He says therefore gird up ....
- Caution:** False light will produce false heat ... so beware always be Bible searching Bereans

**Again many thanks to Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum** for his leading on: **The Messianic Miracles**

- 'Messianic' comes Messiah which is a transliteration of the Hebrew word Mashiach, 'the anointed one'
- The Greek word for the anointed one is Christ.

**Review of the First Messianic Miracle ... The Healing and Cleansing of a Leper**

- On July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> We looked at the First Messianic Miracle
- In Matt. 8:1-4 we have the first Healing and cleansing of a leper under Judaism
- The Rabbi's taught that only the Messiah would be able to heal a leper under Judaism
- The people having been taught this were very excited about this particular miracle
- Jesus commanded the healed leper to walk 85 miles to Jerusalem
- And do what Moses commanded a healed leper to do before the priests
- Jesus also said to him: **'do this also as a testimony to the Priests'** and thus to the ruling Sanhedrin'
- The man did as he was told, and told everyone on the way what happened to him!

**The Sanhedrin Responds by dusting off their....**

**MVP: Messiah Verification Process**

- Initiated by the Pharisees, after the verified report of the priests regarding the Former Leper
- The process involved sending a delegation to 'only observe' and then report back to the Sanhedrin
- If they reported that this a Messianic movement worth further investigation
- A second group was sent out to follow the 'would-be Messiah' around ....
- To observe and interrogate Him and His followers
- Luke 5:16-17** tells us this... **16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.**
- 17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.**

**Today in Part 1 of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Messianic Miracle**

- We will see ever increasing dark shadows coming over Jesus' **MVT: Messiah Verification Tour**
- These 'dark shadows' are cast by the Jewish leadership
- 'Shades of ignorance' are also cast by Jesus' family and even his forerunner John the Baptist
- We will construct the basic flow of Matthew up to the Second Messianic miracle in chapter 12

**Flow is important:** Why and where is the H.S. going in Matthew?

- Why did Matthew and the H.S. choose these stories out of all that Jesus said and did, to write his Gospel?
- How are the transitions in the text a part of the flow?
- Determining flow is an important aspect of 'Studying to Teach' .... coming for the men 9/24

### **Turn to Matthew chapter 1 as we begin our Flow Journey**

- Let's go back to even before our first Messianic Miracle

**In Matthew chapter 1** Matthew establishes Jesus earthly Abrahamic and Davidic pedigree

- The Messiah must have this pedigree
- Also in Matthew His virgin conception by the H.S. is announced to Joseph and He is born in Bethlehem
- The Messiah must not be a sinner by birth
- His birth there literally fulfills Micah 5:2

**In 2:1-12** The Eastern Magi seek out the baby king and are warned to not return to Herod as requested

**In 2:13-15** Joseph is warned about Herod and flees to Egypt with his family

- And after Herod's death they return out of Egypt to fulfill a prophesy from Hosea 11:1
- This fulfillment is called: A literal fulfillment of a prophetic type

**In 2:16-18** The shadows of death fall upon Bethlehem

- Male babies are killed by Herod hoping to kill Messiah
- Matthew states that this is a fulfillment Jeremiah 31:15
- Where Rachael is weeping over her children who are no more
- This fulfillment is called: A literal fulfillment based on a prophetic application

**In 2:19-23** Jesus and his family come back from Egypt and do not settle in Bethlehem but in Nazareth

- Jesus fulfills 'a summation prophesy' that issues in Him being called a 'Nazarene'
- No OT prophesy calls Him a Nazarene
- The key to a summation prophesy is plural prophets
- In v. 23 we read: **And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."**

**Dr. Arnold** says this of a Summation Prophesy:

The fourth category does not have an actual quotation as in the first three categories, but only a summary of what the prophets actually said. The plural use of prophets is a clue to this category. In the first century, Nazarenes were a people despised and rejected and the term was used to reproach and to shame (John 1:46). The prophets did teach that the Messiah would be a despised and rejected individual (e.g. Isa. 53:3) and this is summarized by the term, Nazarene. Another example of this category is Luke 18:31-33.

- This fulfillment is called: A fulfillment of a summation prophesy
- And in deed thruout His adult life and after His resurrection, He is referred to as 'Jesus of Nazareth'

### **Continuing the Flow of Matthew ....**

**In Chapter 3** We see His forerunner John's call to repentance 'for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand'

- We see Jesus' identifying baptizim by John, anointing with the Holy Spirit,
- And hear His sonship affirmation by His heavenly Father

**In Chapter 4** He does what 'Adams' do: He was tested thru temptation

- Not in a place like Hawaii, with a Trader Joes and an In-N-Out Burger that the first Adam had
- But in the desolate wilderness with nothing but the Word of God
- Unlike the First Adam He passes the test and subsequently He became known to us as the Last Adam

- The First Adam lead us into sin
- But the Last Adam saves us from our sins

**In 4:12** We have Jesus' public ministry starting point according Matthew, Mark and Luke

- All three note that when JB was arrested in Judah Jesus departed to Galilee
- And began His ministry where John had not been!
- Jesus preaches the same message as John but in the North where John has not preached
- Accompanied by verifying miracles along with some of His disciples whom He called to follow Him
- AND great multitudes followed Him

**In Matthew chapters 5-7** He gives His great Kingdom Manifesto: The Sermon on the Mount

- To His disciples and the multitudes
- His kingdom's foundational teachings are different from the Jewish leadership the people were under

**In chapter 8** He performs His first Messianic Miracle, though not His miracle

- The healing and cleansing of Jewish leper under Judaism; a man in the later stages of leprosy

**How did the distinction between Messianic and Non Messianic Miracles come about?**

- Prior to the coming of Jesus the rabbis separated miracles into two categories:

**First-** miracles that anyone led and empowered by the Holy Spirit would be able to perform

- During the time of Moses and the days of Elijah and Elisha, God worked general miracles
- To heal someone or raise the dead was not unique to Jesus.

**Second** there were miracles called "**Messianic Miracles**"

- Miracles only the Messiah would be able to perform, according to Pre-Messiah Rabbis
- This what the people were taught when came to earth

**In chapter 9:1-8 Jesus begins the first works of the Verified Messiah: Forgiveness**

- By proclaiming forgiveness of sins, then authenticating that forgiveness
- By healing the forgiven man of his paralysis
- The Jewish delegation being in observation mode only said only to themselves 'He blasphemes!'
- For only God can forgive sins and is that not the point Jesus was making:

**Messianic Miracle**  
**+ Miracle verifying forgiveness of sin**  
**= Messiah that is God manifest in the flesh**

**This is where we left off July 28th**

- Building up to the Next Messianic Miracle we will see the shadows and the shade get darker
- The MVP process is now in its second stage and the Pharisaic interrogators already believe Jesus is a Blasphemer

**In 9:9-10** Jesus responds by doubling down on His authority to Forgive Sins

- He seeks out the most unforgiven people in all of Israel
- He Calls a most hated tax collectors to follow Him: Matthew
- Matthew threw a party for Jesus and His disciples in his house
- It included the only people a tax collector could associated with in Israel
- Other Tax collectors and 'sinners', AKA prostitutes
- Sounds like the hippies of the Jesus Movement

**In 9:11** The Pharisees respond

-And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

-Dark Shadows anyone?

-Jesus responds **in 9:13** But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

-'the sick need healing not the well', You should know this Mr. Religious leader!

**In 9:14-15** The disciples of JB throw some shade on Jesus' **MVT**

**14** Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?"

-Please explain why your disciples are not like us and the Pharisees?

-Jesus responds that they will fast someday but not while He's walking with them

**In 9:18-31** He continues His **Messiah Verification Tour** of Galilee

-He heals a woman who had been hemorrhaging for 12 years

-He brings back to life a dead 12 year old daughter

-He heals two blind men

-Much light and heat is to be found in these verses!

**In 9:32-34** we then come to Part 1 of His Second Messianic Miracle

**32** As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.

**33** And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke.

**What were the responses?**

-**In v.33** the people are amazed '*it was never seen like this in Israel!*

-They fall short of wondering or questioning if He is the Messiah

-**But In v.34** The Pharisees respond to squelch any Messianic thoughts immediately:

-'*He does this by the unnamed ruler of demons*'

-He will perform this Messianic miracle two more times

-The second one ch. 12 be a key marker in His relationship to this generation

-The third one in ch. 17 will be a key teaching point for His disciples as He heads for the cross

-**Jesus though does not respond here** .... He is long suffering, looking for repentance.... He waits

-In chapter 10 He will respond to His disciples

-In chapter 12 the same Messianic Miracle will occur again and He will respond to the Jews

-So He continues His **MVT: Messiah Verification Tour**

**In 9:35** We read this: **35** Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

-He preached and healed thruout their synagogues in all the cities and villages of Galilee

-Now everyone in the Galilee has heard His message and seen His verifying miracles

-All of Judah has already heard the same message from JB whom they revered as a prophet sent from God

**Chapter 10 should begin with v. 36 in ch. 9**

We read in **v36** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. (implying that the Jewish leadership had failed them and wearied them)

**37** Then He said to His disciples (not the leadership or shepherds of Israel), "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers ....

-The answer in chapter 10 is: 'tag you 12 guys are it!'

### **Chapter 10 is His second of five great Discourse in Matthew**

- It is only addressed to His Twelve Disciples
- They are the first laborers He will send out into the harvest
- They become Apostles of His harvest and Shepherds of His flock
- Chapter 10 is the first of their many instructions

### **More shade comes in chapter 11**

- In vs. 2-6** John B. sends a delegation to inquire if he is the One or not? More shade ....
- Jesus quotes Is. 35 for His verification of what He is doing as the Messiah .... They did not see a conqueror

### **Jesus Honors John**

- Just in case the leadership or the people thought He was disparaging John B ....
- In vs. 7-15** Jesus Honors John as the greatest born of woman

### **In v. 16** For the first time He talks about '**this generation**'

- This is an important designation for Israel at this time
- He does not include past generations or future generations when He says, '**this generation**'
- For example my generation is referred to as the 'Baby Boomers' or 'The Boomers'
- We are not Generation X which followed the Boomers
- It is important to understand that Jesus is addressing 'this generation' in Israel and no other Jewish generations.
- Do not commit the fallacy of extension and apply Jesus' Judgments to all Jewish generations
- That 'bad light' has led to Replacement Theology
- He will use the term 'this generation' four more times in Matthew
- Understanding 'this generation' in our text and only this generation is very important

### **What does He have to say to 'this generation'?**

**In vs. 16-19** He accuses them of being fickle at best

- It is as if they are saying I don't like your methods or John's and therefore I won't receive your message

**In vs. 20-24** He begins to rebuke the cities of 'that generation' where most of His works were done

- All Galilean cities
- He told the three cities singled out of 'this generation'
- That if Sodom and Tyre and Sidon had seen the works that they saw
- They would have repented long ago
- Light here But lots of Heat!

**In Matthew 11:25-30** we have an important set of verses, be sure you are turned to these verses

- These verses mark an incredible transition in the flow of Matthew's Gospel
- A transition that we will see in chapter 12 from convincing this generation that He is their Messiah
- To the rejection of 'this generation'
- Keep in mind as read and study Matthew from 12 on that every rejecting generation of Jews had a remnant of believers
- Jesus will lay the ground work from here to His resurrection for that remnant to be the foundation
- For a new work called the Church.

**25 At that time (or season of rebuking) Jesus answered and said, answered and said "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.**

- How is the truth of Jesus to be received: as open, not knowing ..... babes
- But not everyone can be an intellectual or rich, but everyone can be a babe
- The wise and prudent are typically proud and not receptive to a gospel that is very humbling before it is uplifting
- Anyone can be a babe and after babyhood babies need to grow up and become mature

**Matthew 11:28-30** are unique to Matthew

- Here we have 'light meeting heat'
- We will delve into these verses in our close, for now we will read them to link them to chapter 12
- 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**
- 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."**

**Chapter 12 is directly linked to vs. 28-30**

- And Jesus' desire to give 'soul rest' to whomever would come to Him
- Remember at the end of chapter 9 Jesus saw the people as weary and heavy laden with Pharisaic burdens
- Without rest and without true leading protecting Shepherds

**In chapter 12:1-13** He seeks out those who need rest, particularly on the Sabbath Day

- We will take this up in part 2 of the Second messianic Miracle

### **Application Using the Light and Heat Motif**

**Light:** Here are a few 'High beams' from our verses

**#1-Matthew give us a strategic look** at the **MVT: Messiah Verification Tour**

- Both He and John reached all of Israel with their Messianic Gospel
- John in the South and Jesus in the North
- Their message: Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand
- That message in the North was verified with miracles, both general and Messianic
- And they were verified with the sure word of Prophecy being fulfilled before their eyes
- John did no miracles but all of the multitudes regarded him as a prophet from God
- Therefore signs and wonders did not need to follow him, for he spoke for God
- And he pointed all to Jesus: He must increase and I must decrease

**#2-We learned from Matt. 2** that there are four types of Prophetic fulfillment

**A literal prophecy with literal fulfillment**

**A literal fulfillment of a prophetic type**

**A literal fulfillment based on a prophetic application**

**A fulfillment of a summation prophecy**

**#3-We also learned** that the Pharisees have an **MVP: Messiah's Verification Process**

- First, following the Messianic Miracle of the Leper they sent out observers from all over Israel
- Second having confirmed that this is a Messianic event that needed further investigation
- They then sent out Pharisees and Scribes to observe and interrogate the would be Messiah

**#4-We learned** that 'this generation' is not to be lumped in with all other Jewish generations

**Heat: The Labor Day Offer**

- Besides what the Holy Spirit showed you
- The obvious Heat is in **Matthew 11:28-30** .... be sure you are still there

-Let me read it slowly with a warm expanded meaning:

**28 Come to Me**, (who?) **all of you** (what will be their state of mind when they come?) **who 'labor' and are 'heavy laden'** (*overburdened with Pharisaic Burdens*), **and I will give** (*I will impute to*) **you rest** (ana-pausin, 'ana' upward- 'pausin', pause).

-Literally we could read: **'I will rest you'**

-I will give it to you, I am from above and positionally I give you this rest .... all you must do is come and believe

**In v.29** you will 'find rest for your souls' in the here and now

-But under certain conditions ....

**29 Take My yoke** (steering device) **upon you and learn from Me** (*Discipleship: life skills in the classroom (5 discourses + other teachings, and in the field)*), **for I am gentle** (*meeek, strength under control & used for serving*) **and lowly in heart** (*He took on the 'form' of a bonds slave, He is not like their religious leaders*), **and you will find rest for your souls, here and now.**

-is this a static, sit in a chair rest?... no

**30 For My yoke is easy** (its fits perfectly) **and My burden is** (*we all have burdens that are responsibilities but they are*) **light."**

-Most here are positionally rested in Christ in Heavenly places

-It is the finding of the daily rest that you need from vs. 29-30

-Communion: Hold on to the elements

-Go down in front during the communion close

-Announce prayer