Message Outline



The Humble Will be Exalted

Matthew 23:1-12

I. Introduction

II. The Humble Will be Exalted

Matthew 23:1-3 (CSB)

1 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples:
2 "The scribes and the Pharisees are seated in the chair of Moses. 3 Therefore do whatever they tell you, and observe it. But don't do what they do, because they don't practice what they teach."

Matthew 23:4 (CSB)

4 They tie up heavy loads that are hard to carry and put them on people's shoulders, but they themselves aren't willing to lift a finger to move them.

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20, CSB)

Matthew 23:5-7 (CSB)

5 They do everything to be seen by others: They enlarge their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. 6 They love the place of honor at banquets, the front seats in the synagogues, 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called, “Rabbi” by people.

Matthew 23:8-10 (CSB)

8 But you are not to be called “Rabbi,” because you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father, because you have one Father, who is in heaven. 10 You are not to be called Instructors either, because you have one instructor, the Messiah.

Matthew 23:11-12 (CSB)

11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

“Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world to the Father.” (John 13:1a, CSB)

“Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” (John 13:6b, CSB)

“‘You will never wash my feet,’ Peter said. Jesus replied, ‘If I don’t wash you, you have no part with me.’” (John 13:8, CSB)

“So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” (John 13:14, CSB)

“And is well known for good works—that is, if she has brought up children, shown hospitality, washed the saints’ feet, helped the afflicted, and devoted herself to every good work.” (1Timothy 5:10, CSB)

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