Message Outline



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Matthew 23:29-39

I. Introduction

II. But You Were Not Willing

Matthew 23:29-32 (CSB)

“29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, 30 and you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we wouldn’t have taken part with them in shedding the prophets’ blood. 31 So you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors’ sins!”

“For the iniquity of the Amorites has not yet reached it’s full measure.” (Genesis 15:16b, CSB)

Matthew 23:33-36 (CSB)

“[33] Snakes! Brood of vipers! How can you escape being condemned to hell? [34] This is why I am sending you prophets, sages, and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. [35] So all the righteous blood shed on the earth will be charged to you, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. [36] Truly I tell you, all these things will come on this generation.”

Matthew 23:37-39 (CSB)

“[37] Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! [38] See, your house is left to you desolate. [39] For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord’!”

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