



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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TEXT: LUKE 12:49-53

TITLE: WHY DID JESUS COME? TO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE

INTRODUCTION

- A. “Don’t rock the boat” _____
- B. “Leave well-enough alone” _____
- C. Although Jesus was personally and internally at peace, Jesus did not always have peaceful encounters with everyone with whom he was in relationship – including his immediate family _____
- D. As Jesus’ coming brought the potential for me to have individual and internal peace through his individual, internal and personal presence, why is that peace not always present, especially when I am faithful to God, in my personal relationships with others – including my immediate family? _____

JESUS CAME TO SEND FIRE ON THE EARTH

- A. Jesus is defined by love, compassion, forgiveness, mercy, grace, longsuffering, peace. Etc. _____
- B. However, Jesus said, “I came to send fire...” and “I wish it were already kindled _____
- C. But, _____
 - 1. I have a baptism (*baptisma* = Immersion into overwhelming afflictions and judgments to be baptized (*bapitzo* = to immerse with)
 - 2. How distressed (to press on every side) I am until it is accomplished
- D. Can you feel the burden Jesus is under? _____
- E. Why is Jesus under this burden? _____

JESUS CAME TO BRING DIVISION, NOT PEACE

- A. Jesus is the Prince of Peace _____
 - 1. **Romans 5:1**, ¹...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
 - 2. **John 16:33**, ³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.
- B. However, Jesus did not come to bring peace _____
 - 1. ⁵² For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three.
 - 2. Parents against Children / Older against Younger / Conservative Thinking against Progressive Thinking
- C. Jesus did not have peace in his own family _____
 - 1. John 7:4, 5 – [Brothers] Take your show on the road (famous) – They did not believe
 - 2. Mark 3:21 – [Family] went to go get him... “He is out of his mind”
 - 3. With the exception of his mother, they were not with Jesus at the cross

HAVING JESUS’ PEACEFUL PRESENCE MORE THAN HAVING PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS

- A. **Matthew 10:34-37**, ³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.
- B. **Mark 10:29, 30** ²⁹ Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, ³⁰ who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions —and in the age to come, eternal life.