

## Where Boundaries Matter Part 3 This is His City

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*never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?*

I. Review

1. We have been preaching on a topic, Where Boundaries Matter, and two weeks ago, we considered: **Where to get in.**
2. There is a boundary line of the kingdom of God, as Jesus said, unless you are born of water and Spirit, you cannot enter the kingdom.
3. There is an entry point that we all need to cross over into by being born of water—have you been baptized in the name of Jesus?
4. And being born of Spirit—have you received the gift of the Holy Ghost?
5. That is the boundary where, as Peter said, judgment begins:  
*1 Peter 4:17-18*  
*17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first*

*begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

*18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*

6. That is a fearful thing to be on the outside when you consider what an eternity away from the presence of Jesus will be like.
7. So, getting into the church must be our highest priority, for no decision that we make on this earth will have as great an impact on our eternity as that decision.
8. And then in our message last week we preached: Where boundaries matter: **getting in and staying in.**
9. We considered Israel's King Ahab whose odd behavior showed him operating on both sides of the boundary.
10. The amazing miracle of how God demonstrated He is the God of both the mountains and God of the valleys, that happened during King Ahab's rule.

11. While Ahab was living inside God's boundaries, he accomplished God's divine purposes and found victory.
  12. But right after an amazing victory over the enemy, instead of putting the enemy King Benhadad to death, King Ahab called him "brother," and set up a dangerous alliance with him.
  13. Once you are in, don't ever bargain again with the devil.
- II. Don't compromise the treasure
1. Let me add one more point I didn't get to last week.
  2. Hopping the boundary into enemy territory and dealing with the devil is dangerous!
  3. It weakens our efforts and effectiveness for God when we continue an affiliation with the devil.
  4. Something we didn't get to last week was how that in the history of Israel and Judah, an earlier king of Judah had also made a

deal with Benhadad:

*1 Kings 15:18 Then Asa **took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,***

5. In order to make this alliance with the enemy, King Asa had to sacrifice the **treasures from the house of the Lord and treasures from his own house.**
6. Sometimes with border jumping, we will say, “It is only affecting me. I’m not hurting anyone else.”
7. That is a wonderful fairy tale friend, but no one lives happily ever after in that story.
8. How many “treasures of the Lord” were lost to the adversary due to such an alliance with the enemy?

9. And not only those precious souls who will not get into the church because of that alliance, but even those treasures from inside the king's own household were given over to the enemy.
10. I don't know about you, but I'm not willing to surrender my kids and grandkids to the devil simply because I want to continue making side deals with the devil.
11. Last week we shared three final words from Psalm 51 for making it right with God:  
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  - a. **Renew:** renew your spirit through repentance and break the old affiliations on the other side of the boundary.
  - b. **Restore:** restore the relationship with God, the church through a humble heart of submission to God's will for your life.
  - c. **Rebuild:** rebuild the city walls that had broken down during that engagement with the adversary. Make sure the

boundary between you and the enemy territory and determine to never cross it again.

12. So now that we are in, and staying in, we can enjoy the advantages of the right relationship with the King of Kings, for Jesus is in the city.
13. Jesus is in this house! And once He is inside, there is an eruption of glorious praise, and then Jesus sets things in order like they should be, casting out what needs to go out, and bringing in what needs to be in—treasures in His house.

### III. This is His City!

#### A. Jesus arrived in the city

1. Today is Palm Sunday, the name described something that happened on this day in history in Jerusalem in 30 AD. The day when Jesus, the King of Kings, came into His city and His temple.

*Mark 11:7-11*

*7 And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.*

*8 And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees [John 12:13 says palm branches], and strawed them in the way.*

*9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, **Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:***

***10 Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.***

*11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.*

2. Mark gives a brief description of the event and Matthew, Mark, and John, add additional details of what happened in His city.

- B. Worship in the city
1. First, when you enter inside the boundary of the city of the King, there is worship!
  2. Hey folks, Jesus is in the house! And if we don't worship Him, someone else will:

*Luke 19:39-40*

*39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.*

*40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, **the stones would immediately cry out.***

3. And John's gospel adds a detail about something that happens in the city when the saints are worshiping the King: **the adversary cannot prevail:**

*John 12:19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.*

4. Nothing the enemy can do will stop Jesus and His kingdom when the church is following Him and giving Him praise. It throws the kingdom of darkness into disarray.
  5. We will come back to that in a moment.
- c. Jesus cleans the house
1. But we learn something else from Matthew that happens when the King comes into the city.
  2. When Jesus' glorious presence gets into the heart of the city—I'll say it this way, when we allow Jesus to get inside our heart of hearts, right into the center of our conscience, He will help us get rid of things that don't need to be in there.
  3. Why? The King is in charge of the house now!

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4. May I remind you, you are a holy temple, a: *1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a **chosen** generation, a **royal** priesthood, an **holy** nation, a **peculiar** people; that ye should **shew forth the praises** of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*
5. So when the King comes in, He will help us cast out all the darkness that may remain so we can show forth His praises!
- D. Jesus makes room for the treasure
1. But it gets even better. When He removes what needs to be removed, it allows room to bring in His treasures into His house:  
*Matt 21:14-16*

*14 And the **blind** and the **lame** came to him in the temple; and he healed them.*

2. How many are there on the outside who have no vision and want to get a little glimpse of what you have seen?
3. The blind came in and were healed by Jesus!
4. The lame also came to Him. How many are on the outside whose hopes and dreams and joys are crippled by a hopeless despair?
5. But Jesus said, you too can come right in. And He healed them!
6. I think if there are a few more blind who receive their sight, and a few more lame who walk again, the praises in God's house will be so wonderful, it will be like perfected praise:

*15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and **the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,***

7. Let the children praise Him!  
*16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?*
8. There is great praise to the Lord because this is His city, and this is His house! Praise is something we all get to participate in in His house!
- E. The adversary it cast out
  1. Now I want to get to something important that happens when Jesus is allowed into the city that we may not know is happening.
  2. Here is a place where boundaries really matter. When you are on the inside with Jesus, the importance of this being Jesus' city, is **Jesus isn't just giving you something to shout about today on this celebration Sunday, He is conquering the adversary and casting him out of the city.**

3. When Jesus came into Jerusalem, He used His authority to take care of business that had to be taken care of. And in some cases, it is unseen.
4. The adversary had been ruling in that city for long enough, so Jesus came with the finger of God, and cast him out:  
*Luke 11:20-22*  
*20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.*  
*21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:*  
*22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.*
5. This is a place where boundaries matter, because when you are on the inside with Jesus, Jesus is the “**stronger than he**”.
6. Jesus is the One stronger than the devil who came to overcome him and take his armor.

7. What we need to know as God's children, filled with His Spirit, that Jesus will fight this city for us by His almighty hand. It only takes His finger to cast the devil out of our city.
8. Well then, let the church stretch out God's hand and point that finger in our city and remove that strong man, because Jesus is stronger!
9. And when Jesus comes into the city of Brazil and overcomes the strong man of drugs, abuse, depression, despair, self-harm, lust, then **He "divideth his spoils."** [victims]
10. That means that all those victims who have been trapped by these weapons and armor of the adversary, are delivered from the devil, divided and taken away from the boundary of the devil and delivered into the King's house!
11. Something we need to see is how our mighty Jesus came to cast this adversary out:

*John 12:31-32*

*31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

*32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

12. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, He paid sin's price and conquered death and the devil.
  13. That gives us the power to cast out the prince of this world.
  14. Are you still unsure? Do you need another Word on the subject?
- F. The Comforter judges the prince
1. Just before He was crucified, He promised that He would send the Comforter to us, and when the Comforter comes, it was the judgment on the prince of the world:

*John 16:7-8, 11*

*7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto*

*you; but **if I depart, I will send him unto you.***

*8 And **when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:***

*11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

2. When the Comforter comes, the devil is judged powerless over the church.
3. Why? Because the devil doesn't have you any longer when you are inside God's boundary.
4. The devil doesn't have anything on you when you Have Jesus' blood over you. And when the devil tries to come around again, you can remind him, he has nothing in you—no hold on you:

*John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and **hath nothing in me.***

5. You have been forgiven! You have been washed! All because of what Jesus did when He came into the house.

6. When Jesus was nailed to the cross, He nailed there everything that was ever held against us:

*Col 2:13-15*

*13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*

*14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

*15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

7. Jesus openly triumphed over the devil when He nailed our sins to the cross.

8. And when you were washed in Jesus' blood by being baptized in His name, you became

an overcomer:

*Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

#### IV. Conclusion

1. That is the purpose Jesus came into the city!

*1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

2. So it is important to remember that when we have the Comforter in us, the Holy Ghost, and when we have the blood of Jesus on us by being baptized in the name of Jesus, we have the authority to enforce the destroying the works of the devil.
3. On this Palm Sunday, look back 2000 years ago and remember how when the King

entered the city, He cast out the adversary. He removed from the temple the clutter that didn't belong, he brought in the blind, lame, the children, and after delivering them, there was great worship that could not be stopped. All the world is going after Him!

4. All of my family is going after Jesus!
5. All of your family is going after Jesus!
6. All of Brazil is going after Jesus!
7. This is where boundaries matter, get inside God's city, because This is His City!