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Christ's Finest Hour

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Ever wrestle with the philosophical question of life's Mission, Purpose and Goal? Paul never did! "Knew his mission. I Cor. 11:1


Theological-Theory is one thing - but - personal-performance is the finest proof!!

Christ's Example is the finest example of fulfilling life's Purpose, mission and goal.

So, let's look at what Jesus said: He came to earth for and what He did when He got here. Ill. Question: "My mother's claim & promises after having 33 yrs.

I. THE THINGS JESUS CAME TO EARTH FOR: (Go chronologically thru His Biographical Sketches.)

MATTHEW:

1. To minister to the needs (spiritually) of mankind and give His life as a ransom for many (whole world). 20:28. Many called- few chosen. "called!

2. To bring a Sword (division) between lovers of Truth and lovers of sin. Matt. 10:34. Also: Lk. 12:51. Lk. 12:49—Send fire (baptism of fire on evil.)


JOHN:


5. To do the will of the Father. John 6:38.

6. To bring JUDGMENT into this world...."expose error and reveal God's true way.


III. THREE FINE HOURS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST AND HIS FINEST HOUR OF ALL:

A. Our interest: How did Jesus do in fulfilling His mission?? (What was His finest hour????)

A. Jesus taught 36 great parables (recorded). extra-scriptures-Parables, not recorded.

Also: "Additional sayings of Jesus." Possible, questionable, so so - very similar to what is recorded. John 20:30-31 and John 21:25.

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Our Hero!!

A. DILEMMAS: Intent; trap Jesus and wipe Him out. A fine Hour: Jesus wiped them out!!!


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SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE

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SUPERIOR PATIENCE

Passed test of Divine Patience. A Fine Hour for Jesus!

SUPERIOR CONTROL

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IGNOMINIOUS DEATH: Satan's scheme: To break Christ's Spirit—Curse God and die! Job.

This was the Sevrest attack on the human body. Sevrest attack on man's ego & pride. Jesus attacked on the Cross: Jewish Leaders, Roman soldiers and thieves next to him. God had withdrawn. Jesus ALONE !!! Dying slowly.

EVERYONE anxiously waiting to hear His last words:

1. Lord, send down fire and destroy these MISERABLE-sinners??

2. My Father, open up the earth and SWALLOW these Religious Hyporites...

3. God, send venomous-snakes upon these Heathen and destroy them suddenly.

INSTEAD, with virtually His last breath, Jesus spoke Heaven's desired-fate for them:

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM!....POOR-WRETCHED-MISERABLE SINNERS!! They are SPIRITUALLY-ignorant....."THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO!!"

This was Christ's finest Hour!!! It was Heaven's only possible response.

Remember John 3:16 "God so loved.... and God STILL LOVES his created children to the end, no matter what. LOVE NEVER FAILS.

INV. MAY I CHANGE THE SUBJECT JUST A MOMENT?:

Everyone wants a "finest hour" in his life sometime !!!

WHICH? Is yours? Was yours? or Will be yours?

Ans: "So live, that in the last day I can hear from the Father in Heaven, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joys of thy Lord. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you a ruler over many things." Matt. 25:21.

FOREVER! That will be your finest hour!!