

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1391: Why Are Many Called If Only Few Are Chosen?

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See:



1. How does the Bible describe the reason for Jesus coming to the world? What two classes are named within the Abrahamic promise? How does the Abrahamic promise apply to all of mankind? (See John 3:16-17, Genesis 22:15-18)
2. What method did Jesus use to answer the scribes and Pharisees who sought to discredit him? What exactly were they rejecting when they rejected the Messiah?
3. As their spiritual leaders, what opportunity did the scribes and the Pharisees take away from the nation of Israel? What were the consequences of their actions? Were they cast off forever from God's favor? (See Matthew 23:36-39, Matthew 23:13, Romans 11-whole chapter)
4. In the Parable of the Wedding Feast, how did the first group of invited guests respond to the wedding invitation? Who do the characters in this parable represent? What was Jesus' message for the scribes and Pharisees? How does this parable show God's patience? (See Matthew 22:1-6)
5. Who does the drawing when one is called to follow Jesus? Why is the call limited at this time? Keeping in mind this limitation, how do we explain "many" are called? (See John 6:41, 43-45)
6. To whom was the call expanded after the nation of Israel rejected Jesus? Why was the call to Cornelius so significant in both Jewish and world history? (See Acts 10:2-3, 5, Acts 10:27-29, 45-48)
7. How does the Parable of the Wedding Feast symbolically illustrate the devastation that literally came to those who rejected the Messiah? What does this teach us about rejecting divine opportunities? Who were the three groups called to follow Jesus and in what sequence were they called? (See Matthew 22:7-10)
8. Answering a call to follow Jesus is a serious, lifelong commitment. What qualities and transformations are expected of someone who accepts a call to discipleship? (See Colossians 3:9-11, Luke 9:23, John 15:18, Romans 12:1-2, Mark 10:20-22, Matthew 5:13)
9. What is the ultimate purpose of the call? Describe the meanings of the four titles of the faithful followers of Jesus in 1 Peter 2:9. Why are these followers chosen before God's blessings come to the whole world? (See 1 Peter 2:9-10, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:19, 22-23, 1 John 2:1-2)
10. How will God fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant and bless all the nations of the earth? How does God's tiered plan of salvation—calling a few now for the purpose of blessing all later—show both His justice and love? (See Daniel 2:44, Isaiah 11:9, Psalms 22:27-28, Revelation 21:3-4)