

KINGDOM LIFE

OUTRAGEOUS HOPE
FOR ORDINARY LIFE

A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH
JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT





My Personal Scoreboard

What I “owe” you

What you “owe” me



1) Grace and Mercy Ride In

Palm Sunday, when Jesus rides into Jerusalem to great fanfare only to later be abused and abandoned on a cross, from which he showers forgiveness (mercy) and love (grace) on the very ones that put him there.

2) Grace and Mercy Rise Up

Easter Sunday, when Jesus rises up from the grave, defeating sin and death as he fully pays our debts (mercy) and gives us his life (grace), which pushed us outward to love the way we've been loved.



Matthew 5:38-42

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰

And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.



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Score-Keeping

We are Divinely designed for balance / justice / right-ness



Sin is relational debt

And we try to “collect” the payments



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“Well,” says Buck, “a feud is this way: A man has a quarrel with another man, and kills him; then that other man’s brother kills HIM; then the other brothers, on both sides, goes for one another; then the COUSINS chip in—and by and by everybody’s killed off, and there ain’t no more feud. But it’s kind of slow, and takes a long time.” Buck to Huck in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

***“Eye for an Eye”
was actually a
rule of mercy,
limiting the
punishment***



⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

Mercy

Not giving what they “deserve”

Grace

Giving what they don't “deserve”

Score-Keeping



Mercy and Grace Ride In

Matthew 21:7-9

They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

The Chant for a Victorious King



Turns the Temple Tables

Matthew 21

¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple... ¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes ...were indignant

Turns the Righteous Tables

Matthew 22

³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments **depend all the Law and the Prophets.**"

Turns the Religious Tables

Matthew 23

¹² Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
¹³ "But **woe to you**, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces."

Matthew 26:1-2

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ² “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

Matthew 26

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

Matthew 26

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.



Religion is about Score-Keeping;

*The Gospel is about Jesus
Score-Taking,
Score-Giving,
Score-Freeing*



John 19:13-14

So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on **the judgment seat** at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, **“Behold your King!”** ¹⁵ They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, **crucify him!**” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, **“We have no king but Caesar.”**

¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, **“Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”**

*The Mercy of
King Jesus
who sat in our
judgement seat
and hung on our cross,*

*Jesus took the
Father's FULL WRATH*

*Utterly erasing
our debt*

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Galatians 3:21

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

The Grace of King Jesus

*Who "FINISHED" perfectly
and has deposited his utterly
perfect account into ours*



2 Corinthians 5:19

...in Christ God was **reconciling** the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the **message of reconciliation**.

Receive Grace and Mercy

Your entire relational debt to God has been paid by Jesus ("Mercy").

Jesus' entire relational love is credited to you ("Grace").

Give Grace and Mercy

What would it look like to "cancel" somebody's debt, not holding it against them?

"Love the way I've been loved"

