

Series: **FOUR MESSAGES TO THE CROSS**

Title: **The Message to the Masses and Religious Leaders: Who is your Daddy?**

Text: Matt 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; John 8:31-45

Who is your Daddy? Religious Leaders

- Your traditions, your deception, your systems

Abraham – your traditions

- **John 8:31-38**

- Jesus speaking on being free from slavery
- They stated they were decedents of Abraham and were not slaves.
- Jesus defines the relationship with God the Father.

- **John 8:34-39**

³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. ³⁷ Yes, I realize that you are descendants of Abraham. And yet some of you are trying to kill me because there’s no room in your hearts for my message. ³⁸ I am telling you what I saw when I was with my Father. But you are following the advice of your father.” ³⁹ “Our father is Abraham!” they declared...

- Time and time again they call Jesus out over the years of His ministry on issues of their traditions and legal systems.
 - Sabbath behavior, Divorce, Resurrection, Temple practices

What traditions do we have, and laws do we hold, that are contrary to the truth of what God has spoken?

They are not just called out on their traditions holding them back but are called children of Satan.

Satan – father of Lies – your deception.

Jesus says they are imitating their real father, and they protest. Then listen to what Jesus says:

John 8:42-45

⁴² Jesus told them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why can’t you understand what I am saying? It’s because you can’t even hear me! ⁴⁴ For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his

character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me!

- Satan hates the truth.
- No truth in him.
- This is why they and you won't believe...you hold onto lies.

Matt 26:59-60 (57-66, extended passage)

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward...

"Are you the Christ the Son of the living God?"

Jesus' Response

Mark – 14:62

⁶² And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴ You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

–The Gospel of John reveals a conversation with the leader of the religious system. Before Annas the father-in-law of Caiaphas and then the High priest:

John 18:21, 23

²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." ... ²³ "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?"

Luke 11 – gives a list of woes to those who believe their laws and traditions are superior to the truth of God and the consequences they would suffer.

What is the Truth that must be believed?

That He is the Christ, the Son of the living God

Who is your Daddy? The Masses

Choose God or choose yourself and your own humanity.

Up until the crucifixion

- Jesus tries to introduce them to the Father and to be in right relationship with Him.

Introducing the Father

- The Father's love
 - Prodigal son – Luke 15
 - Offered to the whole world - John 3:16
- The Father's Nature
 - Holy – Lord's prayer – Luke 11
 - Good – Only God is good – John 10
 - *"I and the Father are one."*
- The father's Justice
 - The separation of peoples – Matthew 25

Identifying as one with the Father

- Christ, relation to the Father
 - **John 10:30**
 - *"I and the Father are one."*
 - **John 8:49**
 - *Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me."*

Invitation to abiding in and with the Father

- **John 15:10**
 - *If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.*

At the Crucifixion

Matt 27:15; John 18:39-40

Choose Jesus the Son of God

- The Lion of Judah
- Son of the God the Father

Choose Jesus the Son of your Father

- The Lion
- The son of Abbas
 - Barabbas means "son of the father."

Matt 27:15-23

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they

had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”²³ And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

John 18:39-40

³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”⁴⁰ They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

Luke says that he was a in jail for insurrection and murder

- ¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.

Pilate asks the crowd three times, and they continue to scream give us the murderous violent robber and crucify Jesus.

- It says ---- **And their voices prevailed.**

“Be it on our heads and our children’s heads.”

Matt 27:25-26

²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

- The choice everyone makes
 - Choose Jesus, Son of God the Father...
 - ...Or Jesus, son of your father – your way, your family’s way, the way you will set for you and your children. Your life.
 - Be it on us and on our children

Will you choose God over yourself?

Who’s Your Daddy? Jesus

In the garden –

Matt 26:39-42

³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

- Spare me – v39
 - "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."
- Your will – v42
 - Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."
- We cry out and even suffer asking God to spare us, yet we must fall back into the safe place of relying on His sovereignty.

On the cross

- "Forgive them."

Luke 23:34

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

- "Unto you I release my Spirit."

Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

- "It is finished!"

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.

It was my cross that he took upon Himself: my sins, my shame, my sacrifice.

Who's Your Daddy?

- Choose God as your Father!