

The Gospel According to Matthew

A Transition to Sent?

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Matthew 9v35-10v42

What are the things life demands you do, but you don't particularly enjoy?

What if the ideas in Matthew 10 work kind of like that, that is, important to know but not particularly invigorating or glamorous?

Matthew 9v35-38

Closed, Amused, or Open?

An indictment of who?

Then...

Ezekiel 34v11, 15-16

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Jesus claiming to be God?
What is Jesus saying to the "closed" Pharisees?

Then what?

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Genesis 1 & 12

Matthew 10v1

Who qualifies?

Bounded or Centered Set?

A new sent community?

What if we struggle with this section because the version of Christianity we want to be true is too often in opposition with what Jesus intended?

Matthew 10v32-33
Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Be suspicious if the cross of Christ does not come find you."
_ St. John of the Cross

Podcasts: *Exploring My Strange Bible* (Tim Mackie): 95. An Open-Minded Faith

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