

“Mission Divine Intersection”

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Scripture: Matthew 12:15-21/Isaiah 42:1-12

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Introduction:

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Three features of this divine intersection with human reality through the person and work of Jesus Christ, Heaven’s Divine Agent:

I. The Mission’s Agent was _____.

- A. Jesus was _____.
- B. Jesus was _____.
- C. Jesus was _____.

II. The Mission’s Purpose will be _____.

- A. The Mission’s _____: To establish the reign of Christ.
- B. The Mission’s _____: The full reign of Christ.

Scriptures: Matthew 13:31-32; Isaiah 42:5-12; Philippians 2:9-11

Believers today are authorized _____ of Mission Divine Intersection! (John 14:12-15)

III. The Mission’s Nature is _____.

A. The Manner of the Mission is _____ in Nature.

Examples of Christ’s spirit of gentleness toward the weak and hurting:

- Healing the sick (4:23-25; 9:35; et al)
- Calling the despised (9:9)
- Seeking and saving the lost (9:10-13)
- Raising the dead to life (9:18-26)
- Comforting mourners (5:4)
- Calming the anxious (6:25-32)
- Delivering the oppressed (8:28-32)
- Cheering the fearful (10:26-28; 14:13-21)
- Reassuring the doubters (11:2-6)
- Feeding the famished (14:13-21)
- Granting pardon to the repentant (9:2)

B. The Targets of the Mission are _____ in Condition.

Scriptures: Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 4:18-21

Where we are weak, He shows himself _____ (2 Cor. 12:9-10) and where we hurt, he _____ and _____ (Isaiah 61:2; 2 Cor. 1:3-4).

Warning! Do not be deceived.

The gentle manner of Jesus is not to be confused with _____ or _____ . (2 Peter 3:3-9; Philippians 2:8-11; Revelation 5:5)

Conclusion: How should we respond to Christ's mission of divine intervention?

Is your hope in Jesus Christ?

Every individual, (Mark 1:15-17)

- Repent of your sins.
- Believe the Gospel.
- Follow Jesus Christ.

Every believer,

- Be comforted and rejoice in such a Savior!
- Be compassionate and responsive to the "broken reed" and "smoldering wicks"!
- Be confident and rest in the reality of the Savior!

*"Sing to the LORD a new song,
His praise from the end of the earth,
You who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,
The coastlands and their inhabitants.
Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,
The villages that Kedar inhabits;
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I. The Mission’s Agent was **PERFECTLY PREPARED**.

- A. Jesus was **Specifically Selected**.
- B. Jesus was **Impeccably Credentialed**.
- C. Jesus was **Divinely Authorized**.

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