

# GOD FIRST

*Radical Spirituality for a Suffering Society*

## Various scripture references from the Gospel of Matthew

4:4 “One does not live by bread alone, but from every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

4:10 “It is written, ‘The Lord your God shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”

4:19 “Come to me and I will make you fishers of men.” [cf Mk 1:16-20, Lk 5:1-11]

5:1-12 Beatitudes [cf Lk 6:20ff]

6:19-21 “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” [cf Lk 16:9]

6:24 “No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

6:25-34 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you are to wear...But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides...” [cf Mk 4:21-25]

7:7-11 “Ask and you shall receive...how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him.” [cf Lk 6:37-38,41-42]

7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven...”

7:24-27 (The Two Foundations) “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like the wise man who built his house on rock...” [Lk 6:47-49]

8:18-22 (Would be followers of Jesus)

“Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go...”  
[cf Lk 9:57-62]

10:16-33 (Persecutions)

“Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves...”  
[cf Mk 13, Lk 12:8-9]

10:37-42 “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it...” [cf Mk 9:33-37]

11:28-30 “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

12:46-50 (True Family of Jesus)

“...Who is my brother or sister or mother?...the one who does the will of my Father is...”  
[cf Mk 3:31-35]

13:16-17 “Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears because they hear...”  
[cf Mk 4:1-35, and refer to the whole of Mt 13:1-53]

13:44-50 “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field...like a merchant searching for fine pearls...a net thrown into the sea...”

16:24-27 “...Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me...” [cf Mk 8:34-38]

19:16-30 (The Rich Young Man)

“...Go and sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven...” [cf Mk 10:17-31, Lk 19:28, Rom. 13:9]

20:20-28 (Request of James and John)

“Can you drink the cup of that I am going to drink...?” [Mk 10:35-45]

21:18-22 (Lesson of the Fig Tree)

“...Amen, I say to you, if you have faith and do not waver, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree...”

[Mk 11:22-26, Lk 13:6-9]

21:28-32 (Parable of Two Sons)

“...The first son refused, but later regretted his decision and went into the fields while the second son said yes, but did not go...”

[cf Mk 12:1-12, Lk 12:15-24]

22:1ff (Wedding Feast)

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come...”

– *various refusals for attending the feast*

[CF Lk 14:15-24, 13:15]

22:15-22

“...Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

[cf Mk 12:13-17, 3:6]

22:34-40 (Two Great Commandments)

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

[cf Mk 12:28-34]

24:45-51 (Faithful and Unfaithful Servants)

“...the servant’s master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour...”

[Lk 12:41-46]

35:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents)

– *increase the gifts God has given us*

25:31-46 (Judgment of the Nations)

“...When did we see you hungry or thirsty or naked or imprisoned or sick...”