

# Matt 21:42-45 Week 69

## How Is It You Don't Understand?

### Lord, I Am in a Rut!

Matt 21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" 43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them.

Isa 6:10

10 Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts,

Ps 14:2

2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

- Remember, truth is worthless unless \_\_\_\_\_ and applied with \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Pharisees had a problem with belief and the rut of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The disciples had a problem with the \_\_\_\_\_ rut of complacency.

What is a rut?

- "A well-traveled path; a groove that when traveled enough in time becomes a rut."
- It's losing sight of what God \_\_\_\_\_ to do in me; or me trying to accomplish what God desires without His help or direction.
  - Godliness is not about tidying up our lives to have God's attention and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It's not settling for doing just \_\_\_\_\_ to get by.
  - It's a daily commitment.

Several kinds of ruts:

1. The Rut of \_\_\_\_\_  
Circumstances, as tough as they can be, cannot dictate my \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
2. The Rut of \_\_\_\_\_  
We become nothing more than \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The Rut of \_\_\_\_\_  
The root of resentment is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Sometimes resentment is caused by \_\_\_\_\_.  
It's a person who has run out of his own \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The Rut of \_\_\_\_\_  
The Pharisees rebellion was to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is pride in rebellion to God.

Jer 2:8[Even] the priests did not say, Where is the Lord? And those who handle the law [given by God to Moses] knew Me not. The rulers and secular shepherds also transgressed against Me, and the prophets prophesied by [the authority and in the name of] Baal and followed after things that do not profit. 11 Has a nation [ever] changed its gods, even though they are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory [God] for that which does not profit. 12 Be astonished and appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked and shrivel up with horror, says the Lord [at the behavior of the people]. 13 For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters, and they have hewn for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns which cannot hold water.

5. The Rut of \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do we and the Pharisee's miss the Redeemer?  
Three redeemers that we look to:  
○ The \_\_\_\_\_ Redeemer  
○ The \_\_\_\_\_ Redeemer  
○ The \_\_\_\_\_ Redeemer

6. The Rut of \_\_\_\_\_

7. The Rut of \_\_\_\_\_

We, like the church in Rev.3, can become \_\_\_\_\_. We are neither hot nor cold. What is that a picture of? \_\_\_\_\_

Four things we need to do to get out of our ruts:

1. \_\_\_\_\_: The returning to and the leaning on God in such a way we can do nothing but worship.
2. Walk again, by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ --not just to be pleasing to God. Do it out of commitment to who He is.
4. \_\_\_\_\_: change it, surrender it, give it back to God and make it God's will.