

The Devil's Dare

Scripture: Mt. 27:29-43, verses 29, 37,40,42,43

Intro: The devil never ceases to challenge the Lord and His people, for he has a deep-seated hate for everything that is in total contrast to Him. (II Cor. 11:14; 11:3; Rev. 12:3)

1. Snake to deceive.
2. Dragon to destroy.
3. Angel to disguise.

I. Challenge His Titles. (Mt. 27:40,42,43)

- A. Title as Son of God: Personal. (Jn. 3:16)
 1. Satanic hostility to this name: Jesus. (Mt. 16:13-17; Jn. 1:49; 10:36)
 - a. Despises use of title to Jesus. (Mt. 4:3,6)
 1. Satan's son. (Gen. 3:15) Antichrist. (Jn. 17:12; 6:68-70; II)
 2. Saviour God's Son. (Gen. 3:15) Christ. (Heb. 1:3-9)
 - b. Despised use of title to Adam. (Lk. 3:38)
 1. Angelic realm enjoys title. (Gen. 6:1-2)
 2. Cherub lost his title at fall. (Ez. 28:14; Job 38:7)
 2. Satanic hostility to our name: Saints. (Jn. 1:12; I Jn. 3:1-2; Mt. 22:30)
 - a. God is our Father by second birth: Transforms us from Satan's sons to God's sons. (Jn. 8:44; Eph. 2:1-3; Jn. 3:3,5; Col. 1:13; Mt. 6:9)
 - b. Devil is our allowed enemy for our right to this title. (Rom. 8:14) We can't lose it.
- B. Title as King of Jews. (Mt. 27:37; 16:16; Jn. 1:49; 27:29,42)
 1. The contrasts presented. (Ez. 28:14; Isa. 14:12-15; Jn. 18:36; 19:14; Rev. 11:15)
 - a. Two kingdoms: Saviour's (Mk. 1:14) Satanic. (Mt. 12:26)
 - b. Two subjects: Heaven's. (Eph. 3:15) Wicked. (Eph. 6:12)
 - c. Two rulers: King of kings. (Rev. 19:16) Devil. (Eph. 2:2; II Cor. 4:4; Jn. 14:30)
 2. The concerns presented. (Gen. 3:15; Jn. 19:14-15; Rom. 16:20)
 - a. Satanic hostility to title "King". (Mt. 4:8-11; I Cor. 15:22-26)
 - b. Satanic hatred to entitled kings. (Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:4-6; 22:5)
 1. Privileges of sonship: Endwelling. (Gal. 4:4-7; Rom. 8:14)
 2. Privileges of kingship: Empowering. (Rev. 22:5) Endowment.

II. Challenge His Teaching. (Mt. 27:40)

- A. Teachings about the temple: House of God. (Jn. 1:14)
 1. The temple: Four in word.
 - a. Solomon's: Glory. Zerubabel's. Ezra.
 - b. Herod's: One discussed in text. (Mt. 24:1-3)
 - c. Tribulation: (II Thes. 2:1-3; Mt. 24:15)
 - d. Millennial: Glory.
 2. The temple of Christ. (Jn. 2:18-20; Rev. 21:22)
 - a. Destroyed temple: Death, but raised. (Jn. 2:19; Heb. 2:14; Rev. 1:18)

- b. Despises two other temples.
 - 1. The church. (I Cor. 3:16-17) Rapture – Resurrection from death.
 - 2. The Christian. (I Cor. 6:19-20) Sanctification – Resurrection.
- B. Teachings about His authority. (Mt. 27:42; 28:18; Jn. 10:15-18)
 - 1. The taunt: What He did vs. what He can't do. He will not violate His purpose.
 - a. They were right: He saved others. (Lk. 19:10)
 - b. They were wrong: He could save Himself. (Heb. 2:9; Mt. 26:53)
 - 2. The truth: What He said vs. what they said.)

Notes:

Ruling Lion – Roaring Lion (Rev. 19:15; I Pet. 5:8)
 Prince of peace – Prince of power (Rev. 1:5; Eph. 2:2)
 Dove – Devil (Mt. 3:15-17; 4:1-11)
 Lord – Leviathan (Job. 41)
 Angel of Lord – Angel of light (II Cor. 11:14)
 Advocate – Accuser (I Jn. 2:1-2; Rev. 12:10)
 Word – Wolf (Jn. 1:1; 10:12)
 Deliverer – Deceiver (Rev. 12:9)
 Saviour – Sifter (I Tim. 4:10; Lk. 22:31-32)
 Light – Lucifer (Jn. 8:12; Isa. 14:12-15)