

## Messiah and Our World (Pt. 2)

### Series: Living as Messiah People

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Last Sunday, we heard Jesus declare who He was (Messiah) & affirm Messiah's task.

As we embrace Messiah, we discover and are enlisted into fulfilling His vision. Let's reread His declaration and review what we have discovered so far:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. **He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners** and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

We discovered that there is both physical & spiritual poverty....let's better understand spiritual poverty.

### Messiah has tasked us to Proclaim Freedom for the Prisoners!

- Did Messiah come to give prisoners a get out of jail free card?
- So what are we talking about here and what does it have to do with me?

There are 2 Types of Prisons: \_\_\_\_\_

### Who are the Spiritual Prisoners?

- Prisoners of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. <sup>23</sup> All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" Matthew 12:22-23

Are we aware of this Prison? Do we proclaim freedom to these prisoners?

- Prisoners of \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. John 8:34

Today, we often think we are free, but we realize we are imprisoned by such things as addiction, hate, violence, hypocrisy, envy, greed, gossip and many other sins.

- Prisoners of \_\_\_\_\_

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>21</sup> "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." <sup>23</sup> **When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.** Luke 18:18-23

- Prisoners of \_\_\_\_\_

While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>46</sup> "**Beware of the teachers of the law.** They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. <sup>47</sup> They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. **These men will be punished most severely.**" Luke 20:45-47

### Conclusion:

- Are we actively searching for the "Prisoners" in our world in order to free them?

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