

RCMI L-Path Teaching

June 5, 2022

TITLE: THE TRUE AND RIGHTFUL KING

TEXT: Mathew 12: 42; others as specified

BI: Jesus is the true and rightful King who is greater than the greatest earthly king!

INTRO: June Theme: Jesus Through the Lens of the Four Gospels

BI: The series provides a complex discovery about Jesus emphasized in each of the four Gospels.

- All four gospels tell about Jesus' life from before his birth to after his death and resurrection, yet each Gospel emphasizes distinct points of view.
- In these four views of the Messiah, we find that they aren't contradictory but complementary.
- **Matthew's emphasis** – Matthew was written to show Israel and ALL that Jesus is the King.
- Did you know that Jesus claimed to be greater than Israel's greatest king? In Matthew 12:42 it says,
- *"The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here."* – Matt. 12: 42, NIV
- It's essential to acknowledge Jesus as king. He raises us to be His kingdom, servants of the ruler greater than Solomon.
- God chose David to represent divine kingship on earth. A descendant of David would always be on the throne (2 Samuel 7). **David's son Solomon represented this ideal kingship.**
- Other kingdoms noticed. The Queen of Sheba came to see God's wisdom in Solomon's reign. She recognized him as the earthly servant of the heavenly king, implementing God's rule in his earthly kingdom. [1 Kings 10: 1-13]
- Jesus has declared Himself to be greater than the temple (Matthew 12:6), more significant than the prophet Jonah (Matthew 12:41), and greater than King Solomon.
- Let's examine the facts related to King Solomon. I want to see what the Bible says about Solomon's glory and how Jesus is greater.
- **WAYS THAT JESUS IS GREATER THAN THE GREATEST EARTHLY KING**

I. Greater In His Wealth (v. 5.)

A. In Possessions

- Solomon's Wealth: The Queen heard of the great riches that flowed into the kingdom of Solomon described in 1 Kings 10. The Queen saw his house and his wealth.

- Jesus' possessions are greater: *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."* – Psalm 24:1. The Lord owns it all, and He can take care of His people! There are no shortages with Him!

B. In Provisions

- Solomon's Provisions: It required massive amounts of food needed to feed those who ate from his table, 1 Kings 3:22-23
- Jesus' provisions are greater: Not only does He have it all, but He is willing to share it all with those who feed on His table, [Philippians 4:19, And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.]

C. In His People

- Solomon's People: The Queen watched Solomon's servants as they ministered to him. She was amazed because they received joy from their service!
- Jesus' people are greater: His people love Him and want to be around Him to hear His Word and do His bidding. *"Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."* – Titus 2:14

D. The Queen of Sheba said of King Solomon, ***"There's Nobody Like You!"*** But, I want to remind you that there is a greater than Solomon among us today!

Jesus is greater in wealth: He can meet every physical, material, or spiritual need!

II. Greater In His Ways

A. In Works

- Solomon's Works: The Queen heard about Solomon's great kingdom. She heard of the Temple he had constructed for God and the grand palace he had built for himself.
- Jesus' works are greater: Solomon built houses of stone and wood, but Jesus is making a household of faith! Solomon used riches to buy things, but Jesus laid down His life to redeem sinners. Jesus is the supernatural, eternal Son of God and His power is unlimited. [Eph. 3:20]

B. In Wisdom

- Solomon's Wisdom: The Queen had heard of his intellect, and she came to prove him. She came to get her questions answered!
- Jesus' wisdom is greater: Jesus who created everything Solomon knew about! Jesus holds the answers to all your questions as He is the Answer to all the riddles, problems, and questions of life!

C. In Worship

- Solomon's Worship: More than his position, power, prosperity, and prestige, what impressed the Queen was Solomon's intense, personal relationship with his God.

- Jesus' worship is greater: Solomon may know how to enter the Temple and make a sacrifice, but Jesus knows how to take and save lost sinners, bringing them into the presence of God!

III. Greater In His Wonder

(The Queen of Sheba had heard about Solomon, but she didn't believe it until she had seen it for herself, **v. 7**.)

A. Her Personal Discovery- Her trip to Jerusalem led her to some personal conclusions.

- **He was more wealthy than she had heard.** She got more than she gave. (So it is with Jesus. I have received far more than I have provided.)
- **He was wiser than she had heard.** - He answered every one of her riddles, **v. 1, 3.** (Jesus has given meaning to life. It all makes sense with Him!)
- **He was more wonderful than she had heard.** - She realized that what she heard about him wasn't even half of his actual glory and greatness! (No matter what we say about Jesus, we can never exhaust His glory, power, and wonder)

B. Her Profound Declaration - She had some things to say to Solomon about what she saw.

- **Regarding his servants-** She commented on the happy nature of his servants!
- **Regarding his Savior-** She commented on the greatness of Solomon's Lord!

CHALLENGE: *Jesus Christ Is The True and Rightful King That Is Greater Than the Greatest Earthly King!* If you know Him, I challenge you to fall before Him in worship.

DISCUSSION:

- What are the ways that Jesus is greater than the greatest earthly king?
 - Greater in wealth. [Share]
 - Greater in ways. [Share]
 - Greater in wonder. [Share]
- Now that you know that Jesus Christ is our true and rightful King, how would that make a difference in your worship today?