

"Trials of Primitive Christianity"

3-Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost; Matt. 18:11.

No class distinction.

4-Jesus taught humility as the road to true greatness; Matt.18:1-4; **Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?** Matt.23:12;

Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.....

6-Jesus denounced pride and self-righteousness

1-Mark 12:38-40; **BEWARE OF THE SCRIBES.....**

2-They love to go in long clothing.

3-They love salutations in the market places.

4-They love the main seats in the synagogues.

5-They love the uppermost rooms at feasts...

6-They devour Widows' houses

7-For a pretence make long prayers.....

8-What they shall receive

9-These shall receive greater damnation....

(This surely would arouse opposition).....

7-Jesus did not overlook the gift of the poor widow, and at the same time he did not flatter the rich.....Mark 12:41-44....

1-She has cast more in, than all they which cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.....

2-She hath cast in more than they: **Must have been a bitter rebuke to those who cast in large gifts.....**

8-Christ did not openly condemn material prosperity, He showed that wealth usually blinds people regarding their responsibility to God. Luke 16:1-13; 16:19-31; 18:18-37.

"The Trials of Primitive Christianity"
SERMON #2

1-Thoughts in sermon #1.....

1-Jesus made his appearance in the annals of Bible history at a time of:

1-Social; political and religious unrest....

2-The Jews were looking for a Messiah to lead them back to Jerusalem and there set up a kingdom that would rival the ancient glory of Solomon's kingdom.....

3-In light of this Jesus soon became popular, the second year of his ministry marking the climax of his popularity.

2-The teaching of Christ antagonized the **religious autocracy**: Independent or self-derived power: **(2).....Uncontrolled authority.**

3-I pointed out that the first class to be **insulted today by the primitive gospel**, is that same autocratic group, who in contrast to "the way" as taught by Christ; hold that there are many ways.....

4-So, we take up today where we left off in our last lesson.....

1-The teaching of Christ antagonized the **social aristocracy.....as used here identifies those.....**

1-Who imagine themselves to a privileged class.

2-**When used loosely**: Those who regard themselves as superior to the rest of the community...**as in rank, wealth or intellect.....** ions

5-Jesus did not recognize any social distinct

1-The woman of Samaria occupied the same position as Nicodemus; John 4th chapter.

2-Nicodemus (means innocent blood) the aristocrat who came by night; John 3...

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