

Jesus Came to Divide

A sermon on the nature and cause of Jesus' division.

Sermon Questions

1. What were some of the reasons Jesus gave for why he came? _____
2. To “cast fire on the earth” is a reference to the Holy Spirit coming into the world. (Yes/No)
3. Jesus will judge the earth when he _____.
4. In verse 50 Jesus' baptism refers to his _____.
5. Jesus' death and judgment are part of his larger plan to save the world. (Yes/No)
6. Circle the sentences that describe the *nature* of the division Jesus brings:
 - i. It separates families—the closest relationships on earth.
 - ii. Separation goes both ways—there is no fellowship.
 - iii. Sin is not the cause of this division, Christ is.
7. Complete the sentences that describe the *cause* of the division Jesus brings:
 - i. Cause of Division: Our _____ and their rejection.
Therefore, the ones who reject Christ will see you as divisive and we'll be tempted to comply for the sake of peace. But true peace only comes through the proclamation of the gospel.
 - ii. Cause of Division: The _____.
Therefore, we can't avoid division and so we must be sure we're on the right side of the division.
 - iii. Cause of Division: The gospel is a matter of _____.
Therefore, our relationships reveal our highest loyalties and our must be to Christ.
8. Bonus: “Athanasius contra mundum” means “Athanasius _____.”

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Which of the four servants mentioned by Jesus today resembles your own life? Give reasons why this is the case.
2. There are consequences for how we live in this life. How can consequences motivate us? What must be our greatest motivation to live for Christ?
3. Write down what it means for you to be faithful in your home, church, and in the world. If this is too difficult, ask another brother or sister in Christ to help you. Pray that the Lord will make you faithful.
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

