

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
April 25th, 2021
Matthew 10:41b

RECAP: Last week Christ encourages His disciples with the knowledge that they are identified with Him personally in their daily witnessing on His behalf.

THESIS: We should take great joy in knowing God uses sinful saints to bring His life to others.

EXEGESIS: Matthew 10:41b (*see also Mark 9:37, John 13:20*)

- This Greek word is **dikaïos**, or righteous, just, fair, etc. A good and righteous man. This is different from the common word for “holy,” which is **hagios**. **Romans 5:1, Romans 4:3.**
- Matthew twice elsewhere lumps “righteous men” and “prophets” together. **Matt 23:29, Matt 13:17.**
- **Reward:** God promises everlasting reward for His people. There’s many Scriptures that point to the fact that Christ motivates His disciples with promises of reward. **Matt. 5:12, Matt. 6:6.**
- **Name:** The Greek here is better rendered, “**in the name of.**” This would be better translated, “**The one who receives a righteous person in the name of a righteous man...**” etc.
- **Interpretation:** Why does this matter?
 - 1) The righteous man of God will receive eternal reward for being a consistent, faithful Gospel witness and a representative of God’s Word.
 - 2) The one who hears a justified saint’s call and plea for salvation will also have the same reward.
 - 3) The hearers will receive this reward because they accept the disciples as legitimate.
- **Objection:** The fact that Christ is here stating disciples are righteous men, and further, they will be rewarded and will share that reward with others, seems counter-intuitive to the point of the Gospel.
 - **Answer:** Christ gives them, undeservedly, the office of prophet, and righteous person, so that even in spite of their sins and their failures, God will stand behind their message.

CONCLUSION:

- So what can we learn from this as believers here and now? We can derive a few truths;
 - Jesus has ordained and has designed us a level of dignity and honor undeserved, that is, representing His righteousness and prophetic truth on this Earth. This is a great joy to us!
 - We also know that we should see great joy and gladness in imparting the message of Christ to others. They will share in the reward! Let us be encouraged by that.
- **We should take great joy in knowing God uses sinful saints to bring His life to others.**