

Scripture: The Law of God (Ex. 20)

Series Joseph (5)

Matthew 11:7-30

Singing:

134 – 141:1, 3 - 265 – 179 – 431:3-5

THE SIN OF ALL SINS

I. Illustrated in Joseph's brothers II. Exposed in Jesus' sermon

I. THE SIN OF ALL SINS AS ILLUSTRATED IN JOSEPH'S BROTHERS

A. What a dastard deed done to Joseph by his brothers: 18-30

1. The aspects of their sins are clearly spelled out

a. vs. 18: consciously

b. vs. 19-20: mocking

c. vs. 21-22: despite warning

d. vs. 23-24: callously

e. 25-27: selfishly: 25-27

f. vs. 31-35: hypocritically

B. Though all our sins are sin, not all our sins are equally evil

1. Sins against light & love stand out: Gen. 42:21; Luke 12:47-48

C. How could these men come to this? Would we be capable of doing this?

1. James 1:14-15 describes the 'genesis' of this deed (compare Gen. 4)

D. Yet what we see in Joseph's brethren is illustrative of *a worse sin!*

1. The sin against the Gospel are worse than those against the Law

a. God the Father sent His Son on His mission of peace

b. Jesus as the Father's Servant pleads with us to repent & believe

II. THE SIN OF ALL SINS EXPOSITED IN JESUS' OWN SERMON

A. Jesus' sermon in His home-base is very confronting: Matt. 11:7-24

1. He first likens His hearers to *indecisive children*: 16-17

2. Then He likens His hearers to *worst sinners in world*: 21-24

a. imagine the privilege to have Jesus living among you

b. Jesus's ministry among them was a sovereign privilege

c. He needed to rebuke them about their response compared to what Sidon, Tyrus and Sodom would have done: vs. 20

B. With this teaching Jesus makes clear what sins are blackest to God

1. To Jesus there is something far worse than sins of the worst world

2. Jesus' prediction about the outcome of God's judgment

Two Applications:

A. Where did Jesus rank you today?

B. Doubt not that Jesus is still on mercy ground