Mat 103

The sword is the truth in the Word

SHOUT OUT ALYSON & GLADYS

/[Mat 10:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/34/s_939034) “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; **I did not come to bring peace, but a sword**.\

[Mat 10:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/35/s_939035) “For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

[Mat 10:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/36/s_939036) and A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

/The Lord always has the heart for unity & reconciliation it is His nature to love and forgive, but the truth is priority number one! Because God’s justice & righteousness also dictate His essence and everything is filtered through His divine justice therefore the purity of truth becomes His priority first and foremost.\

If you do not understand that this is part of God’s personality…His essence and the fact that truth is God’s essence but the truth God uses is divine…it is not held to a human standard.

REPEAT

Human standards fall far short of God’s standards…this is why you need to understand that God looks upon situations different then we do think about sin. In God’s view …sin as has no priority list, in the sense that one sin is worse than another.

Look at it this way…a simple example;

If you have a pile of pure, freshly fallen snow…pure white and you splash mud on it…it is no longer pure white.

By the same token if you just sprinkle a little dirt on it or a few drops of mud…it is no longer a pure white pile of snow either…get my meaning??

Until we start to understand that as much as God is love and forgiveness, He is also justice, righteousness…

He is truth… all powerful…all knowing which means He knows what will happen in the future.

If we had the ability to know everything past…present & future and we lived by a standard of justice and righteousness high above human standards then we could understand this better.

When you know the end result of everything and you know who will make mistakes and what time that will happen it would change many of the ways you handle situations.

Understanding the essence of God and realizing His divine justice system is a priority in His plan and the fact that divine truth is different than human truth is a good starting point to understanding a statement like TLJC makes in Mat 10:34.

Turn to Ephesians chapter six.

So, we looked at some basic principles about the sword last lesson… let us really begin to look at what TLJC means by saying He came to bring a sword.

/Heb 4:12 **For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword**, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart**.\

ELABORATE on SLIDE!!!

The word of God is as powerful as a sword…it is the word meaning the truth.

But we know the word of God is the mind of Christ therefore TLJC in His essence…who He is… the very core of Jesus Christ is truth…it is BD it is the word.

This pure, divine truth is so powerful that a sword was the best description in that historic setting to use.

/1Cor 2:16 For **WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD**, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But **we have the mind of Christ.\**

Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

[Eph 6:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/6/12/s_1103012) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.*

Remember this speaks to leadership and the invisible realm of ideologies and dark forces that drive the cosmic system behind the scenes.

[Eph 6:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/6/13/s_1103013) Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

This is linked to military analogies and language in how Paul wrote it.

This was Paul being filled with HS and writing & recording a military analogy because don’t forget…Apostle Paul was very familiar with the Roman military because he was locked up by them so often!!

What battle is he talking about…the one with invisible attacks… the one with ideologies… the one opposed to divine truth only found in Christ.

/[Eph 6:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/6/14/s_1103014) Stand firm therefore, HAVING **GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH**, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,\

The Greek verb for girded is;

PERRY-ZONE-NO-ME - it means secure and fasten in preparation for contact!

REPEAT

You can’t loosely fasten truth in your life you can’t take bits and pieces of truth and cherry pick what you want…this means to buckle up all the truth make it secure in your life.

HOLD your ground is the military command we can use in the original context…it is a call & command for combat troops on the front line.

[Eph 6:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/6/15/s_1103015) and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; ELABORATE

Feet represent your foundation. Do you realize that if you are in a combat infantry unit one of the main concerns they have for your health is your feet.

You always take care of your feet …when your feet hurt and fail you it is certain you will fall in combat.

[Eph 6:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/6/16/s_1103016) in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one.*

Without faith it is impossible to please God and without faith in the mind of Christ we will allow satanic thoughts and ideologies to strike us…that is what those flaming arrows are Royal Family.

Those negative thoughts …those cosmic viewpoints…very sinister seeds that fallen angels will plant in your thought patterns.

Then here is another view into the sword that TLJC uses in our study in Matthew 10.

/[Eph 6:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/6/17/s_1103017) And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and **the sword of the Spirit**, which is **the word** of God.\

LOOK AT SLIDE!!!

The full armor is needed for full strength, having just one is not enough when heated spiritual combat comes your way my friends.

[Eph 6:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/6/18/s_1103018) With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, **be on the alert** with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

All good combat soldiers stay on the alert… nothing gets by their line of view, they don’t fall asleep on the job!

Using the Roman military as examples worked well because they were highly trained and took their duties very seriously.

In fact, if they didn’t, they could face public punishment or even execution in some cases.

/Your first line of faith that you throw out and latch onto is the person & work of The Lord Jesus Christ. After salvation your next anchor attaches to His mind, the truth (Bible Doctrine). This will form the full armor and weaponry needed to advance in spiritual combat.\

REPEAT

Notice the helmet of salvation which protects your head…your thoughts.

Your security comes from your salvation, knowing your position after salvation can never be taken away.

REPEAT!!!

When you go through a difficult situation or a bad patch where the cosmic system and your OSN got the best of you…step back… get yourself centered and remember your salvation changed you forever. You have eternal security…bounce back…dust yourself off you haven’t lost anything but time.

You can not have the full armor of God on and understand this principle of the sword of truth if you have no stability in your salvation.

Stability in your salvation and faith in who Christ is and what His mind says have to all come together in working order…in sync for this armor to do you any good Royal family.

/Rom 10:17 So **faith comes from hearing**, and hearing by **the word of Christ**.\

Notice how it has to fit together you can not have a little piece here or there in your spiritual armor and expect to be strong!

You can gain small pieces of spiritual armor and strength over time but eventually you have to grow up and put it all together and live in it….walk in it!

The sword we have looked at in these two lessons… is most times referred to by TLJC and His Apostles as the word of God.

/There is warfare affiliated with spiritual growth. There is the sense of preparation for combat (spiritual) when a Bel steps out into a hostile cosmic system and we are soldiers in the army of God which means our training and logistics are available…**IF** the Bel desires to use them!\

There has to be an effort and motivation on our part as born again Bels.

You can lead a soldier to basic training and show him all the weapons and combat tactics but when the battle begins if he has not prepared…if he didn’t take the training serious and he is not motivated to fight …he will fail or turn tail & run in the opposite direction.

REPEAT

The same sword that Christ says will divide family & friends is the same sword that we use in spiritual warfare.

/Rev 1:16 In (Jesus Christ) His right hand He held seven stars, and **out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword**; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

The sword is the truth of His words!\

Many scholars believe the shining stars relates to pastor teachers who illuminate the way for Bels.

Certainly, pertaining to the seven churches in view in the book of Revelation this is true!

Again you will see in Rev chapter 2 the sword!

/Rev 2:12 “And to the angel (messenger) of the church in Pergamum write: The One (Jesus Christ) who has the **sharp two-edged sword says this**:\

It is the words and mind of Christ that brings the sword down. The sword is the fact that only one truth is put forth and it will either be accepted or rejected…no games…no gray areas.

REPEAT!

/Rev 2:16 Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and **I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.\**

The Lord comes back and slays the Unbels in the battle of Armageddon with a word from His lips.

/Rev 19:15 **From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations**, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.\

With a word of truth from the most perfect and divine mind & mouth in all the universe we will see tanks and helicopters crash and burn in an instant!

The sword is the very word of our Lord.

[/Rev 19:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rev/19/21/s_1186021) **And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth** of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.\

The word is the sword because truth will cut thru the nonsense it leaves no room to mis-interrupt… no room for games or an avenue to weave a lie into it.

People will do it…Satan attempts it but if you are a prepared student of the word you can see through the lies!

There is nothing more powerful than the word because it is the full representative of the Lord.

/Jhn 12:48 He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; **the word I spoke is what will judge him** at the last day.\

The word is so powerful it will be the last thing many hear before they go to the lake of fire….it will be the times the gospel was presented to them and truth was told to them over and over…that will ring in their ears and be their final judge and jury.

The word of God is the weapon that can raise a Bel up and protect them and also the same weapon that will sever relationships with those who reject truth.

/1Thes 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when **you received the word of God** which you heard from us, you accepted *it* **not *as* the word of men**, but *for* what it really is, **the word of God**, which also performs its work in you who believe.\

ELABORATE

THE WORD PERFORMS WORK

Let’s finish this two-part series out with some definitive statements about the sword.

/When the Lord said He came to bring a sword it was this statement- Jhn 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am **the way**, and **the truth**, and **the life**; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

It was said with greater shock value but with the same inclination.\

Truth is singular my friends… that becomes the deciding factor in how our relationships develop. Whether they become closer and have trust and intimacy in them or they begin to break apart.

/The sword of truth is one of the greatest weapons we have if it is wielded properly. Not with vindictive intent and arrogance or emotions but just straight forward with a hint of compassion sprinkled in. This can only be done accurately by the filling power of the Spirit.\

Don’t get me wrong it will still probably cause division with some folks but if it is handled properly you can walk away knowing you applied BD to a situation and did it by means of the HS.

/Satan loves division and promotes this among people to keep us confused and weak. The Lord wants reconciliation and unity but it has to be done under the divine justice & righteousness of His word. There is no compromise in that!\

There is a divine standard there is a protocol so it is not just all based in emotions and what makes the majority happy.

That is what many people believe about God and His plan. Satan promotes that because he knows people will look at God and base everything on emotional responses and not look deeper into the essence of God and what His plan really encompasses.

/God has never based His plans and His protocols on human emotions. God does not save a person based on human emotion but a set standard of faith alone in Christ alone which does not require emotions.\

It can be emotional and for many people it is a time of great emotional response but it is the thoughts of placing faith in who & what TLJC is that opens up eternal security for us….not emotion.

Once we accept Christ as savior now a divine standard of justice has been fulfilled and the righteousness of TLJC is imputed into the new Bel.

From that point forward when God looks upon that Bel He sees the righteousness of His only begotten Son within that flawed human body.

God sees the finished product.

/The division that the word of God brings is sent for clarity & enlightenment while the division Satan brings is sent for confusion & the stimulation of emotions. God intends for all people to have access to truth while Satan intends for all people to be bewildered about truth.\

REPEAT

Two different agendas but on the surface they can look very similar.

/Divine Truth is designed for freedom, growth and protection. Cosmic truth is designed to tickle the emotions and keep people enslaved to the cosmic system.\

Remember when I say stimulate or tickle the emotions it means - Satan doesn’t care if the emotions that come out are anger, fear… anxiety, worry or even a form of pseudo happiness, anything that keeps busy and focused on his system.

/When the sword of Bible Doctrine is brought into the conversation its design and whole purpose is to deliver the lost and enlightened the confused. When it appears that it has severed a relationship or brought emotional damage it is only because cosmic saturation has deep roots within a soul structure.\

I guess the best way to look at this is a very human example of the relationship between a mother and her child.

Have you ever seen a news story where a young man or woman is caught in a horrible crime….gangland shooting…prostitution or drug deals.

That young person is caught red handed…everyone knows their guilty and when the mother is confronted by law enforcement and all the evidence and truth is put on a table in front of that mother.

She simply will deny it…not her baby…not her child.

And no matter what evidence there is, that Mother either won’t believe their child did it…or they distort the facts and truth of the evidence to try and make it seem like that child shouldn’t be held responsible.