Mat 102

The Lord brings the sword

 Mat 10:26 “Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

[Mat 10:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/27/s_939027) “What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in *your* ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

[Mat 10:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/28/s_939028) “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Remember TLJC is aware that the Apostles would face attacks physically and mentally everywhere they went. This is preparation for the most challenge ministry anyone would every embark on!

[Mat 10:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/29/s_939029) “Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And *yet* not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

[Mat 10:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/30/s_939030) “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

[Mat 10:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/31/s_939031) “So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

[Mat 10:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/32/s_939032) “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

/[Mat 10:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/33/s_939033) “But **whoever denies Me before men,** I will **also deny him** before My Father who is in heaven.\

[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.

[Mat 10:37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/37/s_939037) “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

[Mat 10:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/38/s_939038) “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Verse 33 – is not a verse the legalist can cling to for proving their silly theory that somehow a Bel can lose his or her salvation. REPEAT!!!

TLJC is letting these men know, when you go out with disciples and followers …which was something they did often…go out in small groups…those who refuse to believe in me, those unwilling to proclaim the gospel are Unbels who can not share in the divine kingdom. Verse 32 and 33 need to be viewed as one statement.

It’s like TLJC saying;

/ “Whoever goes out on the evangelist trail with my Apostles and speaks the gospel with conviction is a Bel. Therefore, they are welcomed into the kingdom. Those who go out with the sole mission to evangelize and do not speak the gospel are Unbels and I have no part with them.\

It is that simple folks…the mission in view is rounding up the lost sheep of Israel and proclaiming the gospel everywhere.

The sole mission was evangelism.

If they were unwilling to speak about Christ then they are most likely Unbels and they will not see eternal life.

And TLJC ties that bold statement right into this because it all had great shock value…a good wake-up call as we say;

/Mat 10:34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; **I did not come to bring peace, but a sword**.

As you see verse 32 & 33, then tie it in with these next verses you get the sense of urgency Jesus was stressing.\

Time was short for the remaining OT Jews who still had not understood their scriptures and who He is.

As I mentioned last lesson TLJC looks at end time prophecy and the lake of fire as two subject matters He will push with great urgency.

No nonsense approach with graphic and even at times shocking terms and speeches to get the importance across.

/Mat 10:35 “**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; 36 and A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.\

The Lord brings the sword…the Lord proclaims that who I am…what my cross will represent is a sword that is most certainly going to divide.

In fact, it is a common theme within scripture that those closest to us can become our enemies simply because the truth of the word of God has become our choice…our lifestyle and they will oppose that.

/Psa 41:9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.\ JUDAS

David also said this about the same subject…remember David even had his own son Absalom betray him.

He had King Saul who was suppose to be like a father figure to him betray him.

/Psa 55:12 For **it is not an enemy who reproaches me**, Then I could bear *it;*
Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me,
Then I could hide myself from him. 13 But **it is you**, a man my equal, My companion and **my familiar friend**;\

14 We who had sweet fellowship together walked in the house of God in the throng.

So this is nothing new Royal Family.

Truth is a powerful weapon and can alter people’s lives and relationships forever.

I CAME to set one against another… is what Jesus is stating boldly.

Again, I remind you that TLJC is about reconciliation not division yet here He clearly states that He is the one responsible for the division.

Mat 10: 35 & 36 can be a set of scriptures that Unbels will proclaim is the Bible contradicting itself yet they often won’t take time to truly study the Bible for any length of time.

We don’t play that game Royal Family.

Now we have noted that TLJC has clearly mentioned prophecy and messages hidden that need to be revealed.

The spiritual analogy of the OT Jews as the lost sheep of the house of Israel…so we can use reason and common sense and say this sword has greater meaning in the spiritual sense then the physical sense.

The meaning of a sword in the Bible and more importantly within the writings of the Apostles has greater depth and meaning then a physical sword.

In the ancient world it was used for certain terms of division or bringing pain or power into a conversation.

At the birth of TLJC and His years as a new born we see the word sword used by a man named Simeon who was a wise and doctrinal man with the power of the HS falling upon him while Mary and Joseph were in the temple with baby Jesus.

Simeon was believed to be the son or grandson of the founder of the Sanhedrin…the governing body of Jewish scholars and experts… the highest of the Pharisees.

Simeon pronounces to the new parents that their child is indeed the Messiah;

/Luk 2:34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this *Child* is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and **for a sign to be opposed**—

Meaning the majority (many in authority) will be opposed to Him.\

*The fall and rise* - speaks to the fact that those who come to believe will first be knocked down by their own arrogance or preconceived notion about the Messiah. And many will oppose or become enemies once He is revealed.

Others will rise up as Bels!

/Luk 2:35 and a **sword will pierce even your own soul**—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Mary would feel the piercing pain of all the trials of her son Jesus.\

The sword is first referenced when TLJC in His humanity is still a baby. The pain Mary will have in later years will be piercing like a sword.

Turn to Luke chapter 22 with me.

Right from this first definition we can note that when the Lord speaks of a sword it might not necessarily mean violence.

I think it’s important we look at some principles concerning the sword and how TLJC used it and how the Apostles taught it.

/To *bring a sword-* may mean to bring pain or misery between a family, friends or an intimate situation. The sword cuts and damages, sometimes the wound is deep and will never heal properly, other times you may be left with a scar and sometimes a sword can sever a limb completely off.\

REPEAT ELABORATE (spiritually)

Luke 22 is another version of the last supper and the last face to face conversation TLJC would have with His Apostles before the Cross.

Knowing that context it gives the warnings and conversation greater urgency.

Luk 22:31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat;

[Luk 22:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/22/32/s_995032) but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

[Luk 22:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/22/33/s_995033) But he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!”

[Luk 22:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/22/34/s_995034) And He said, “I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.”

/[Luk 22:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/luk/22/35/s_995035) And He said to them, “When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?” They said, “*No,* nothing.”

Reflecting back to His early lessons such as Mat 10\

Exactly what we have been studying now a few years later we have something interesting to look at concerning what the Lord tells them to do.

/Luk 22:36 And He said to them, “But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and **whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.**\

The empty bag was brought along…to be filled by positive Bels.

Now…something has changed. The Lord had trained His Apostles to be able to deal with adversity and depend upon the grace of the positive Bels to support them but now He is adding in something slightly different into the mix.

Be prepared for the oncoming attacks is basically what TLJC is telling them.

From now on travel with your money in your pocket and protection just in case you get in a jam….just in case the intensity of those who hate Christianity rises to a heated level.

/Luk 22:37 “For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, **‘AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS’**; for that which refers to Me has *its* fulfillment.”(Isa 53:12)

Transgressors is talking about those viewed by authorities as the criminal element therefore under persecution in society.\

Things are about to get real gentlemen the Cross is now only hours away.

They were headed to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Peter is warned of what is coming and how he would fail very soon…it’s getting very intense now.

Luk 22:38 They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” And He said to them, “It is enough.”

TLJC is not telling them to have an arsenal just be prepared…because 2 swords for 11 men is certainly not overwhelming power….just common sense protection.

/The sword was often highlighted as a form of physical protection by the Apostles and even Christ Himself. Meaning self-protection, self-defense is not against the word of God. In fact, the Christians who allow themselves to become a punching bag are not necessarily displaying maturity, they may be operating in fear (flesh).\

It depends upon the moment and every situation calls for something unique.

ELABORATE turn other cheeck!

/Combat (military) calls for swift and accurate violence. Law enforcement and protection of family and your own life often calls for force enough to subdue an attack. Every defense situation should be evaluated as to the context of its beginning and the quickest way to resolve it with the least amount of damage.\ REPEAT!!

Turn to Romans chapter 13 we can finish up there today.

Most of the time this means avoid that nonsense from the beginning…walk away when things get heated…but if you can’t there are times we have to defend ourselves.

Years ago… I worked part time as a door man at a busy night club in South Florida.

I checked ID’s and worked with two big bouncers to help remove the trouble makers.

I can tell you from experience that I almost always could see the trouble makers long before they began to start fighting. You can evaluate situations quickly and accurately if you pay attention to your surroundings.

When it comes to rebelling against authority it is never a good idea….nor is it approved by God.

Ultimately God has allowed or ordained all authority. REPEAT!!!

/Rom 13:1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. **For there is no authority except from God,** and those which exist are established by God.\

[Rom 13:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/13/2/s_1059002) Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

This is what gets many people in trouble…certainly Bels…whether it’s the children against parents…wife against husband or any Christian man who bucks against authority.

There is a rule and guidelines set in place by God concerning authority.

Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;

/Rom 13:4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; **for it does not bear the sword for nothing**; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

Speaks to capital punishment and it is God who brings down the sword of justice.\

Capital punishment is not shunned by God contrary to liberal talking points in Christian circles.

The problem lies within the flawed human judicial system and corrupt lawyers and judges that either lean too far in one direction or another.

But if there is a murderer or rapist who is 100 percent guilty and they are put to death after being given a full and fair trial… that is not wrong in the eyes of God.

REPEAT CLARIFY!!!!

You can note Capital punishment in OT scriptures like Exodus chapter 21 & 22…Deut chapter 22…Lev chapter 20.

REPEAT

Also we see the Roman laws being established and respected by TLJC in NT scriptures like Romans chapter 13.

And to preserve God’s divine establishments, hard laws and regulations need to be fulfilled…unfortunately the more we relax laws and regulations people’s freedoms and God’s divine establishments are destroyed.

As we close today, I want to cover the points we noted so far.

Because the next lesson will cover the other principles about the sword for NT Bels to understand.

/The sword that the Lord spoke of that divides families & friends often referred to the severing of a relationship and the internal pain that can bring people afterward. This sword was something that would bring injury in the emotional sense.\

The reason the Lord used this term is it had great meaning in the time it was being used. It meant warfare or a fierce strike…this had shock value and as I mentioned TLJC did this on purpose.

What is more important than where you will spend eternity and what is truly more important than knowing truth and growing up spiritually to be prepared for the invisible warfare?

/The sword also represented justice, combat and physical protection. Every Bel should become students of justice and historic warfare and be willing to stand up and protect self, family or the weak when violence erupts.\

Seriously every Bel should understand basic principles about law or the constitution or legal documents they are expected to live under.

Here in America we should understand the basic principles of the Bill of Rights connected to our Constitution.

/1st Amendment-

Freedom of speech for people and the press. Freedom to practice religion.

These freedoms are never to be touched for ANYBODY unless they infringe on the rights of others such as promoting attacks or lies against someone or an organization.\

Freedom in this area means we can say all kinds of horrible and nasty things and unless we are clearly stating that we want someone killed or violence is being promoted there is almost nothing illegal about it!

This means a black person can say they hate white people and it is not illegal. This means a Christian can say that Allah is evil and it is not illegal…I think you get it. 1st Amendment-

Freedom of speech for people and the press. Freedom to practice religion.

These freedoms are never to be touched for ANYBODY unless they infringe on the rights of others such as promoting attacks or lies against someone or an organization. Vice versa

They are rude and stupid maybe…but not criminals.

/ 2nd Amendment-

The right to bear arms for protection in any REALM. This was not just designed for hunting. This was for people to protect family & property and also be prepared to stand against outside forces (enemies) or a corrupt government.\

ELABORATE

/3rd Amendment

States that your house is your castle, you do not have to accept unwelcome guests or soldiers being forced to stay at your home.\

This covered some war time issues obviously but it still stands today.

/4th Amendment

Is a protection against illegal entry into your home by government or law enforcement. Without legal documents no one can enter your home to search it.\

/5th Amendment

Means you have the right to remain silent under questioning and you also should not be tried twice for the same crime or charge.\

/6th Amendment

Ensures you get a impartial & speedy trial by a fair and uncompromised jury.\

/7th Amendment

If the crime you are accused of involves more than $20 in value, you can have a trial by jury.\

/8th Amendment

Is in place to ensure your financial punishment is not too excessive, it must match the crime if you are convicted and the bail should be in line with the state laws for that crime.\

/9th Amendment

Is an open set of human rights that should be common sense as to how to treat anyone who is a legal citizen. They should not be wrongful imprisoned, treated with dignity & respect by authorities, given freedom to live their lives as long as they don’t break laws and infringe on the rights of others…etc.\

That one is kind of open ended but it is never to be taken to the extreme by the people or the government, it’s all done within the framework of law and order.

The 10th is probably the one the federal government has destroyed the most over the last 100 years.

/10th Amendment

This amendment is directed at the power of the states. That each state can have freedom for its people to vote and apply education rights (schools), marriage, licenses for things like business and driving and other trades and privileges for its citizens.\

In other words states can differ in many basic laws and licenses as well as health care and education.

Actually states are suppose to much more freedom than what we have come to in the year of our Lord 2019.

Eph 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the **sword** of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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.

Rev 1:16 In 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.

Rev 2:12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged **sword** says this:

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.

Rev 6:4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that *men* would slay one another; and a great **sword** was given to him.

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.

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[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.