

Problem:

The problem this sermon addressed was the problem of believing our own hype. That is to say believing that we are actually "good people."

Read the following article and discuss:

<http://www.churchleaders.com/pastors/164408-sammy-adebiyi-20-easy-ways-to-be-a-self-righteous-christian.html?print>

Jesus withdrew into Galilee (Matthew 4:12-16)

- Read John 2:1-11. Where did Jesus begin His ministry?
- Read Mark 1:9 and 1:14. Where was Nazareth located?
- Read Matthew 2:23 and John 1:43-46. Was Nazareth a nice place?
- Jesus left Jerusalem because they were proud, believing they were good enough, and not looking for a savior. He went to Galilee, over 100km away from the city of David. He also left His hometown in Galilee, Nazareth, and moved. Read Luke 4:14-31. In what way did Nazareth resemble Jerusalem?
- Matthew quotes Isaiah 9:1-2. According to Matthew 4:15, what was so scandalous about Galilee?

He preached His message in Galilee (Matthew 4:17)

- Read Matthew 16:21. When did this message stop?
- Read John 2:13-17. What did Jesus think of Jerusalem at the start of His ministry?
- Read Matthew 21:1-17. What about at the end of His ministry?
- Read Matthew 3:2 and 4:12. Notice that Jesus proclaims in the north what had been silenced in the south.

He chose His followers from Galilee (Matthew 4:18-22)

- Read Matthew 26:69-73. Galileans were outsiders to Jerusalem.
- Read Matthew 26:32; 28:7, 10, and 16. Where did Jesus go after His resurrection?
- Read Acts 1:10-11. Where were Jesus' men followers from?
- Read Matthew 27:55-56 and Luke 23:55-56. Where were Jesus' women followers from?

He centered His work in Galilee (Matthew 4:23-25)

- Read 1 Kings 9:10-13. Galilee was not that nice. What was so significant?...it was not Jerusalem.
- Read John 7:1. Why would Jesus reject Jerusalem and choose Galilee?
- Read John 12:36-43. The significance of Galilee is that it is not Jerusalem. They didn't want Him and He moved on.
- Read Luke 5:29-32. Jerusalem was too good for a Savior. So He went to Galilee.
- Read the following article and discuss:
- <http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justintaylor/2011/08/17/7-differences-between-galilee-and-judea-in-the-time-of-jesus/>

- The Main Idea:

"Good people" don't need Jesus. But you do (taken from the title of a book by Drew Snyder <http://brandonsneed.com/home/2011/6/16/good-people-dont-need-jesus-but-you-do.html>)

Implication:

Read Romans 11:11-22. We must learn from their arrogance. The religious leaders were able to swallow and digest their daily sins with no bitterness or remorse. They had the temple but it did not drive them to repentance. They were satisfied in their own righteousness. We must learn from them.

We have the Bible.

We have communion and baptism.

We have the Spirit of God.

These things should drive us to daily repentance and a constant desire for Christ.

But often these things make us self righteous?

Application

Are you ok with your daily sins because you read your bible, or because you went to church or because you volunteer? Are you comfortable in the little sins of your life because no one sees it or because they are 'not that bad?' remember good people don't need Jesus.

But repentant people don't walk around morose and down all the time either. They walk around as people drenched in the grace and love and mercy of Christ.

Read the following article and discuss:

<http://theresurgence.com/2012/10/24/6-warning-signs-were-becoming-accidental-pharisees>