Jesus, the Model Servant of God - Screens for 9/20/20

- 1. Matthew 12:8-21
- 2. I. Beginning the Plot to Kill Jesus
- 3. Jesus did not <u>withdraw</u> out of <u>fear</u>, but because it was <u>not</u> yet <u>time</u> for Him to <u>die</u>. There is a <u>practical</u> side to God's <u>plan</u>.
- 4. II. God's Specially Chosen Servant
- 5. God <u>chose</u> His eternal <u>Son</u> to become His <u>Servant</u> to bring Him maximum <u>glory</u> by becoming <u>Jesus Christ</u>.
- 6. To fulfill God's <u>purpose</u> of <u>glorifying</u> His <u>grace</u> required God's Son to take upon Himself a <u>physical</u> <u>body</u>. (If possible put #5-6 on the same screen. If not possible that is okay.)
- 7. <u>Heaven</u> will only be <u>heaven</u> as we fulfill what we were made to do. We were born to serve the Lord.
- 8. <u>God</u> wants our <u>heart</u> first and foremost; but when He has that, it always leads <u>us</u> to <u>serve</u> Him. (If possible put #7-8 on the same screen. If not possible that is okay.)
- 9. God delights in Jesus because Jesus is God.
- 10. If you are a <u>Christian</u> you also <u>please</u> God because you are <u>hidden</u> "in <u>Christ</u>". (If possible put #9-10 on the same screen.)
- 11. The <u>omniscience</u> and <u>character</u> of God ensures that <u>justice</u> will <u>occur</u> in the end.
- 12. III. Jesus Offers Mercy and Hope
- 13. Verse 19 implies that Jesus did not show even His righteous <u>anger</u> by <u>screaming</u>. Instead He let the <u>force</u> of His character and truth of His words make His point.

- 14. "Reed" and "wick" in v.20 represents <u>people</u> who are <u>flawed</u> and <u>broken</u>. This implies that:
 - Jesus does not give up on what seems hopeless
 - Jesus shows mercy to all who acknowledge their brokenness and are truly repentant
- 15. God always has <u>mercy</u> for those who <u>know</u> they need it; who <u>ask</u> Him for it; and who <u>trust</u> that He will <u>give</u> it.
- 16. (But) God's <u>compassion</u> will not <u>stop</u> His <u>judgment</u> from falling on those who <u>reject</u> His <u>offer</u> of <u>mercy</u>. (If possible, put #15-16 on the same screen.)