

# Treasure Hunt

- What does “life” mean in Matt. 10:39?
- What does it mean to “lose one’s life,” in the light of OT usage of our Lord’s phrase?
- How does this meaning fit with the rest of the Fourth Difficulty in 10:34-39?
- What four levels of believers are presented in 10:40-42?
- What is our attitude to be toward each of them?
- How does this command reassure us in the light of 10:34-39?
- How is 11:1 a fitting conclusion to the commissioning of the disciples?

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# 37-39, Worthy of Christ

Mat 10:5 These **twelve** Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying,

Luk 14:25 And there went great **multitudes** with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

37 He that loveth **father or mother** more than me is not **worthy of me**:

26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his **father, and mother,**

and he that loveth **son or daughter** more than me is not **worthy of me**.

and wife, and **children,** and brethren, and sisters,

yea, and **his own life** also, he cannot **be my disciple**.

38 And he that taketh not his **cross,** and followeth after me, is not **worthy of me**.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his **cross,** and come after me, cannot **be my disciple**.

39 He that findeth **his life** shall lose it: and he that loseth **his life** for my sake shall find it.

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Sending the Twelve: Matt 10:39 He that **findeth** his **life** shall **lose** it: and he that **loseth** his **life** for my sake shall **find** it

After Peter's confession and announcement of the passion

Mat 16:25 For whosoever will **save** his **life** shall **lose** it: and whosoever will **lose** his **life** for my sake shall **find** it.

Mar 8:35 For whosoever will **save** his **life** shall **lose** it; but whosoever shall **lose** his **life** for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall **save** it.

Luk 9:24 For whosoever will **save** his **life** shall **lose** it: but whosoever will **lose** his **life** for my sake, the same shall **save** it.

To the disciples after he spoke to the Pharisees about the kingdom of God, Luk 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to **save** his **life** shall **lose** it; and whosoever shall **lose** his **life** shall **preserve** it.

During passion week, Joh 12:25 He that **loveth** his **life** shall **lose** it; and he that **hateth** his **life** in this world shall **keep** it unto life eternal.

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Heb 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back unto **perdition**; but of them that believe to the **saving** of the **soul**.

## Saving without Losing

Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to **save** your **souls**. [compare the role of the Word in the new birth, in 1:18]

Jam 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall **save** a **soul** from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the **salvation** of *your* **souls**.

# What does ψυχη mean?

## Physical Life:

Luk 9:54 And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man is not come to **destroy** men's **lives**, but to **save** *them*.

## Something beyond physical life:

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which **kill** the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to **destroy** both soul and body in hell.

# Look at the Verbs

Six different word families for “save”

Only three word families for “lose,” and all but two instances are from √απολλυμι

απολλυμι in the LXX: Lev 7:20 **that soul shall be cut off** from his people. (Also 7:21, 25, 27; 17:10; 20:6; cf. 23:30)

→ Losing the soul ~ being separated from the people of God.

How does this relate to the challenge in view in the Fourth Difficulty?

# Skewed Triplets in 10:40-42

“Receive”	“Reward”
40 He that <b>receiveth you</b> receiveth me, and he that <b>receiveth me</b> <b>receiveth</b> him that sent me.	
41 He that <b>receiveth a prophet</b> in the name of a prophet	shall receive <b>a prophet's reward;</b>
and he that <b>receiveth a righteous man</b> in the name of a righteous man	shall receive <b>a righteous man's reward.</b>
	42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto <b>one of these little ones</b> a cup of cold <i>water</i> only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose <b>his reward.</b>



# Receiving X's Reward: what kind of genitive?

## **Subjective** (the reward that X gives)?

- Elijah and the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17)
  - Elisha and the great woman of Shunem (2 Kings 4)
  - Paul and the house of Onesiphorous (2 Tim 1:16-18)
- Are these really given by {Elijah, Elisha, Paul}?

## **Objective** (the reward that X will receive)?

3Jo 1:5 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

# Categories of Believers

40, The Twelve (“he that receiveth you”)

41a, Prophets ~ notable teachers

Act 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain **prophets** and teachers;

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and **prophets**,

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, **prophets**; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

41b, A righteous man ~ “he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man” (1 Cor 2:15).

42, The little ones ~ a disciple, cf. the “little children” of 1 John 2:12, 13.

→ All are to receive and care for one another.

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