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Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 31:21)

### Scripture Reading

**Bible Reader: (0:04 - 1:09), Mike Mathis**

**John 8:31-36** - The sermon begins with Mike, serving as both scripture reader and preacher, presenting a reading from John 8:31-36. In this passage, Jesus speaks to Jews who believed in Him, stating that abiding in His word makes them true disciples, and the truth will set them free. The Jews respond by claiming they are Abraham's descendants and have never been in bondage, prompting Jesus to explain that those who commit sin are slaves to sin, unlike a son who abides forever. Jesus concludes that if the Son sets them free, they will be truly free.

### Summary

**Preacher:** Mike Mathis

#### (1:10 - 1:21) Scripture Reading and Introduction

Mike introduces the sermon as a continuation of a morning lesson titled "The Same Things, Part 2," signaling that the focus will be on recurring themes of bondage, salvation, and spiritual sustenance.

#### (1:21 - 5:56) The Israelites' Shared Experience in Bondage and Liberation

Mike transitions to 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, which describes the Israelites' collective experience under Moses' leadership. He emphasizes that *all* the Israelites were under the cloud, passed through the sea, were baptized into Moses, ate the same spiritual food, and drank the same spiritual drink from a rock that symbolized Christ. This passage underscores the unity of their experience in escaping Egyptian bondage, drawing a parallel to the spiritual bondage of sin mentioned in John 8. Mike explains that the Israelites were in cruel servitude to the Egyptians, akin to how sin enslaves individuals. He stresses the importance of not being ignorant or unaware of these events, as both the King James and New King James Versions of the Bible describe, noting that ignorance simply means a lack of knowledge. The imagery of the Israelites walking through the sea with water as walls on either side is highlighted as a form of baptism, symbolizing their emancipation from bondage.

## **(5:56 - 10:56) Spiritual Sustenance and Christ as the Source**

The sermon elaborates on the Israelites' shared spiritual sustenance, emphasizing that they all received the same spiritual food (manna, described as white and mysterious, named "what is it?" by the Israelites) and drink, including water from a rock and quail for meat. Mike connects these provisions to Christ, identifying the rock as a symbol of the Savior who followed the Israelites. He notes that Christ's presence extends throughout the Old Testament, describing Him as the Creator and the Angel of God who accompanied the Israelites. This section reinforces the idea that the Israelites' physical needs were met through spiritual means, paralleling the spiritual freedom offered through Christ in the New Testament.

## **(10:56 - 15:59) The Same Warning Against Disobedience**

Mike introduces a new point not covered in a previous lesson by John Shannon, focusing on the warning in 1 Corinthians 10:5-11. Despite their shared blessings, many Israelites displeased God, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness due to their sins. Mike lists specific examples: idolatry, when the Israelites, impatient with Moses' delay on the mountain, convinced Aaron to create a golden calf, leading to eating, drinking, and playing (Exodus 32:6); sexual immorality, where 23,000 fell in one day for committing fornication with Moabite women (referencing Numbers 25:1-9, though noting a discrepancy with 24,000 in Numbers); and tempting Christ, resulting in destruction by fiery serpents (Exodus 17:2, 7). These events serve as cautionary examples for believers to avoid similar sins.

## **(15:59 - 21:58) Consequences of Rebellion and a Call to Vigilance**

The sermon continues with further examples of the Israelites' rebellion, such as complaining and tempting God, leading to destruction by serpents and a "destroyer" (Numbers 14:37). Mike recounts the incident where the Israelites, on the cusp of entering the Promised Land, sent twelve spies to scout it. Ten spies gave a discouraging report, causing the people to complain and rebel, desiring to return to Egypt. This disobedience led to severe consequences, as God did not intend for them to return to bondage. Mike cites 1 Corinthians 10:12, warning believers to "take heed lest he fall," emphasizing the need for vigilance to avoid the Israelites' mistakes.

## **(21:59 - 26:51) Encouragement Through God's Faithfulness**

Mike shifts to encouragement, citing 1 Corinthians 10:13, which assures believers that temptations are common to humanity, but God is faithful and will not allow temptation beyond what one can bear, providing a way of escape. He contrasts the Israelites' persistent complaints—questioning why Moses led them out of Egypt only to die in the wilderness—with God's guidance and provision. Mike stresses that while Jesus was tempted but did not sin, believers can rely on God's faithfulness to overcome temptation, unlike those who try to face challenges without divine help. This section underscores the hope and strength available through faith in God's provision.

## **(26:54 - 28:05) Conclusion and Invitation to Salvation**

In concluding this part, Mike draws a parallel between the Israelites' bondage in Egypt and humanity's bondage to sin, asserting that salvation is available to all through the same source—God. He references Matthew 11:28-30, where Jesus invites those who are weary to come to

Him for rest, emphasizing His gentle and lowly nature. This invitation reinforces the sermon's theme of freedom from spiritual bondage through Christ, mirroring the Israelites' liberation and provision in the wilderness. The sermon sets the stage for further exploration of these themes, connecting Old Testament events to New Testament salvation.

### **(28:05 - 29:07) The Light Yoke of Christ**

Mike continues his exposition of Matthew 11:28-30, emphasizing Jesus' promise of rest for those who come to Him. He explains that Christ's yoke is easy and His burden is light, clarifying that this rest does not imply idleness, such as sitting in a rocking chair doing nothing. Instead, Jesus invites believers to take His yoke upon themselves and learn from Him, as He is gentle and lowly in heart. This act of submission leads to rest for the soul. Mike reiterates that the burden believers bear under Christ's guidance is light, contrasting it with the heavy burden of sin or worldly struggles. This section reinforces the sermon's theme of finding spiritual freedom and relief through a relationship with Christ.

### **(29:07 - 30:23) The Same Source and the Call to Trust**

Mike emphasizes that the rest and salvation offered by Christ come from the same unhealthy source—God—and are accessed in the same way: through belief and trust in Him. He urges the congregation not to merely read or hear God's word and then forget it, but to actively listen and heed its teachings. Referencing 1 Corinthians 10:13 again, Mike highlights the encouragement found in God's faithfulness, acknowledging that temptations are inevitable. He shares a personal anecdote about being questioned on whether he faced temptation, affirming that while he is tempted, the key is not to succumb to it. This underscores the importance of trusting in God to resist temptation, drawing a parallel to Christ's own experience of being tempted yet remaining sinless.

### **(30:25 - 31:21) Christ the Rock and a Call to Action**

In the final segment, Mike reiterates that Christ is the spiritual rock, the ultimate source to which believers should turn for strength and salvation. He connects this to the earlier discussion of the Israelites drinking from the spiritual rock that symbolized Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4). The sermon concludes with an invitation to come to Christ, described as the source of freedom and rest, while the congregation stands and sings. This call to action urges listeners to respond immediately to Christ's offer of salvation and rest, reinforcing the sermon's theme of liberation from spiritual bondage through faith in Him.