

# Do Not Be Afraid; Be Afraid

—Riddles from Q, Week 11—  
*Matthew 10:24-33//Luke 12:1-9 (NIV)*

**Matthew**  
<sup>24</sup>“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

(See Matt 16:5-6; Mark 8:14-15)

<sup>26</sup>“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

<sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

<sup>28</sup>Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

<sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?  
 Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care.

<sup>30</sup>And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

<sup>31</sup>So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

<sup>33</sup>But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

**Luke**  
 (see Luke 6:40)

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

<sup>2</sup>There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

<sup>3</sup>What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

<sup>4</sup>“I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.

<sup>5</sup>But I will show you whom you should fear:  
 Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

<sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?  
 Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.

<sup>7</sup>Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>8</sup>“I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God.

<sup>9</sup>But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.

If you would like to analyze these passages visually, you can: (1) put a box around material that is unique to either gospel; (2) Material that is shared exactly you can underline in both gospels; and (3) Material that is similar you can underline with a dotted line in both gospels.

## The Bottom Line:

**When you \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ more.**  
 ...by realizing that the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in all of existence is actually the exacting \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ...by \_\_\_\_\_ God as your gracious father who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ...by \_\_\_\_\_ out loud or mentally “I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (insert what gives you fear or anxiety).”