

Seeing Through The Eyes Of Jesus

(Luke 7:36-37)

- Introduction:
1. While living on this earth, we all struggle with sin, and the reason we struggle is perspective.
 2. If we had the perspective of the Lord, we would not struggle nearly as much with temptation as we do.
 3. In this lesson, I wish to demonstrate how seeing through the eyes of Jesus will affect the way we live and the way we treat others.

I. Jesus, Simon, and the Sinful Woman

- A. (Luke 7:36-50).
- B. Jesus was invited to dinner at the home of a Pharisee, named Simon (7:36,40).
- C. A sinful woman crashes the dinner and makes a scene over Jesus (7:37-38).
- D. Simon thought to himself that if Jesus were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman was fallen down before his feet (7:39).
- E. Jesus knows Simon's thoughts and asks him a question (7:40-43).
- F. Then Jesus asks Simon an intriguing question, "Do you see this woman?" (7:44).
- G. All Simon could see was a sinful woman; whereas Jesus saw so much more.
- H. That's what the perspective of Jesus will do to you.
- I. It will make you kinder, more compassionate, and more longsuffering.

II. Jesus and Zacchaeus

- A. Who Was Zacchaeus
 1. Zacchaeus was a tax collector.
 2. Because of his job, he had to be a social outcast.
 3. Not only did Zacchaeus have a job that people thought was contemptuous, but he also would have been an easy target for verbal abuse because of his short stature.
- B. While others rejected Zacchaeus, Jesus went to his house, and brought salvation to him.
- C. Lessons We Can Learn From A Zacchaeus
 1. Zacchaeus teaches us to look past the superficial.
 - a. Do we judge people by the way they dress, or by the way they look (James 2:1-9)?
 2. Zacchaeus teaches us compassion.
 1. No less than 12 times does the text tell us that Jesus was "moved with compassion."
 2. How are we affected by people who need our compassion?
 3. How do we treat "fifth wheels," "social misfits," "loners," "the mentally ill," and the "physically handicapped?"
 4. Do you run from or to these people?
 3. Zacchaeus reminds us of the value of a soul.
 1. (Matthew 16:26; Luke 15:4,7; Mark 2:17).
- E. Zacchaeus give us an opportunity to be like Jesus.
 1. (Romans 8:29; Galatians 2:20).
 4. "Oh To Be Like Thee."

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, let's stop looking at the world through our myopic or near-sighted eyes.
 2. Rather, let us begin looking at the world through the eyes of Jesus, and when we do, not only will we bless others, we ourselves will be blessed.