

What Would Jesus Say About Abortion?

Our fight against abortion must be much more than a political solution. Are we prepared for a post-roe society? Will we simply stand by and let women struggle, with little support, through difficult pregnancy decisions? Will we seek to encourage the sanctity of human life and the family as God designed it through the compassionate transformation of hearts and minds? In this lesson we'll take a look at 4 of Jesus' teachings that make it clear that the idea of having an abortion would be unthinkable ... for Him or any true disciple of His.

I. Jesus Upheld OT Teaching as Authoritative

- A. He recognized it as Scripture: *You pore over the **Scriptures** because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet they testify about me*, John 5.39.
- B. He viewed the OT as the word of God that cannot be broken. Matthew 5:17: *Don't think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to **fulfill**.*
- C. If all Scripture was the Word to Him, then what can we learn from:
 1. *God hates... hands that shed **innocent** blood*, Proverbs 6.17b.
 2. *For it was you who **knit** me together in my mother's womb*, Psalm 139.13.

II. Jesus Had a Very High Regard for Children

- A. He saw them as a blessing, a reward, and a fulfillment of God's promise.
 1. Mark 10:16: *After taking them in his arms, he laid his hands on them and **blessed** them.*
- B. He said we should become as a child.
 1. Matthew 18:3: *"Truly I tell you," he said, "unless you turn and become like little **children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*
- C. Jesus always seemed to find time for kids. He saw children as valuable and to be loved.

III. Jesus' Application of the 2nd Greatest Command

- A. Luke 10:36-37: *"Which of these three do you think proved to be a **neighbor** to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" "The one who showed mercy to him," he said. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same."*
- B. What greater example of a neighbor? There is no more a neighbor than the infant who resides there. Who is more helpless? Who is in need of greater protection? Jesus would have never condoned those needs being ignored or terminated.

IV. Jesus' Teaching on Self-Denial & Sacrifice

- A. Luke 9:23-24: *Then he said to them all, *If anyone wants to follow after me, let him **deny** himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it.**
- B. Abortion is the antithesis of self denial and sacrifice.
 1. Roe turned the womb into the exclusive property of the mother ... of which she can expel its contents as she wishes.
 2. This is the height of arrogance and a usurpation of power. The baby is not hers to hand over.
- C. At the moment of conception, God breathes into that new human an eternal soul - transcending the human body - which will go on living forever.

V. As We Close...

- A. Jesus' silence on abortion is not consent
- B. We need to approach the abortion issue with compassion
- C. Finally ... we need to be prepared to help
- D. Jesus came to bring abundant life....do you need Him?