

WHAT MADE JESUS MAD?

What Made Jesus Mad? – When Neighbors and Gnats Get in the Way

Week 7

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Opening Question:

What is the nicest thing someone has ever done for you?

Discussion:

1. Let's jump back to a text we looked at a few weeks ago in Matthew 23. Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for their hypocrisy in this chapter. Read Matthew 23:23-24. What is Jesus saying in these verses? What were the Pharisees missing?
2. Read Luke 10:25-37. How would you describe the man trying to test Jesus? In all our weeks in this series Jesus gets mad at religious people and not those who are considered "sinner." Why is his anger geared towards church people?
3. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the man was left to die. Who were the people that passed by unwilling to help? A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. What was the meaning of this parable to the lawyer testing Jesus?
4. Samaritans weren't looked at favorably upon by the Jews. How would Jesus using the example of a Samaritan being good challenge his Jewish listeners? How was Jesus describing neighbors?
5. Examine the Good Samaritan parable with the verses read earlier in Matthew 23. Religious people missed how to love and what it meant to love. Could we be missing something similar today? How can love move the gospel forward? Why was Jesus so focused on teaching people how to love others?

Next Steps:

In this series, Jesus challenged those who claim faith in him to love more genuinely and love more deeply. How has this series challenged you in the way that you love others, especially people who are yet to come into a relationship with Jesus?