

GREATEST SERMON EVER: What Makes You Any Different?

Matthew 5:38-48

THE ATTITUDE OF JESUS

Have you ever taken time to really think about the attitude of Jesus?

Sent From Heaven...
Growing Up in Nazareth...
Learning Carpentry...
Losing His Earthly Father...
Stepping Into His Calling...
Feed/Healing Thousands, Constant Crowds + Needs, Touching
Untouchables...
Tested By the Religious Establishment...
Betrayed By a Friend and Denied By Another...
Tried Unfairly, Wrongfully Accused, Brutally Beaten, Nailed to a Cross...
Asked the Father to Forgive...
Asked By a Criminal for Paradise...
Suffocated to Death...

Jesus' Attitude:

I'm not about getting what I _____ or acting on my

_____.

I'm about giving others what they don't _____ and laying down

my _____.

Would embracing this attitude not be a definitive difference?

THE MOST POPULAR QUESTION

The question I have been asked the most in my 19 years as a Christian by those interrogating or investigating the faith is the same question Jesus actually posed...

What makes you any _____ from anyone else?

JESUS ADDRESSES ATTITUDE

Matthew 5:38-48 NLT

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WARM UP QUESTION

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go?

MESSAGE RECAP

Becoming a Christian is supposed to be life-changing event and yet for many it becomes a moment in time followed by more of the same. This shouldn't be. Christians are called to be different, and these verses outline what being different looks like... what faith in action really is. In these few verses we are challenged to forgive, go the extra mile, give generously, and to love our enemies. Jesus outlines for us in his every day actions what it looks like to be a part of the Kingdom of God. As Christians we need to be willing to lay down our own rights and surrender in love, for the sake of others. Jesus not only challenges us to live a different life, he modeled it himself!

STUDY & SHARE

Read Matthew 5:38-48. What do you find most challenging, interesting or difficult with what Jesus said?

What could be the modern day equivalent of some of these Jewish customs mentioned?

Can you think of current situations in your life that require you to turn the other cheek, walk an extra mile, or pray for your enemies?

Why do we feel entitled to our rights? How do these counter cultural statements made by Jesus alter our view of our rights?

Read Luke 23:32-34. Jesus was giving to others even while he was dying. What does that tell you about Jesus? About God the Father?

Refer to the list of attitudes mentioned in this week's message. How can we exhibit these same attitudes and behaviors in our own lives?

Who in your life has exhibited these attitudes toward you? Why do you think that Jesus commands us to live like this? What kind of impact will it have on this world?

This week's message touched on the question "What makes you different?" After listening to this sermon can you answer that question?

In your own life what are specific things you can do to be different?

SHINE TO OTHERS

This whole message was filled with examples of how to shine to others through our actions, but how can you specifically apply these principles to your own life? How can we be a light in the lives of those around us this week?

SUPPORT & PRAYER

Break up into smaller sub groups and ask each other, "How can we be praying for you?" Pray also that Rise City would be a church that intentionally lives out its vision to be a Loving and Life-Giving Church who brings Hope and Healing in Jesus' name.

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