

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST June 21, 2020



How Jesus Treated LOST PEOPLE

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Luke 7 makes for a good study of how Jesus treated lost people. In vs. 34 the Lord sites some of the charges spoken against him. The basis for such criticism was his association with people who were "sinners," being outside the inner sanctum of pharisaic fellowship. Jesus was neither a glutton nor a social drinker. Jesus did, however, associate with sinful humanity (Matt. 9:11; Lk. 19:7).

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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Why did Simon invite Jesus into his house? Perhaps, in true pharisaic style, he wished to scrutinize the character and claims of Jesus (Lk. 7:16, 39). Why did the Lord accept the invitation to dine at Simon's house? The Lord never stood aloof from any class of persons (Lk. 5:29-30; 10:38-42; 14:1). He desired every opportunity to seek and save the lost - even this woman of a notoriously bad reputation (Lk. 19:10).

Jesus Treated the Lost with Compassion

Compassion does not excuse sin. Jesus noted, "her sins, which are many" (Lk. 7:47). Those who condemned Jesus knew that he loved the sinner (Vs. 34). The word "friend" is from *philos*, one of the Greek words for love, meaning "loved, dear, friendly." It denotes that which one loves (Jas. 2:23; 4:4). Jesus had compassion for the penitent sinner. The woman came because she sensed her own sinfulness (Vss. 37-38). Simon, however, was well aware of her sins, but not his own!

Jesus Treated the Lost with Hope for a Better Tomorrow

Jesus dismissed the woman with peace (Lk. 7:50). Peace of heart and mind had been missing from her life. She was given a fresh start. Note the way Jesus treated the woman taken in adultery (Jn. 8). Jesus did not say, "I can't be in the company of such sinners!" He raised her expectations for herself when he said, "Go and sin no more" (Vs. 11). She

did not have to live an adulterous lifestyle. To the homosexual Jesus would say, "Go and sin no more." To the pedophile he would say, "Go and sin no more." To the divorced he would say, "Go and sin no more." To the abuser...

Jesus Treated the Lost with Interest for Their Souls

In three parables God's attitude toward the lost is revealed (Lk. 15:1-2). God is the shepherd looking for the lost sheep (Vss. 4-7). God is the woman looking for a lost coin (Vss. 8-10). God is the father wishing to reclaim both sons (Vss. 11-32).

What lessons might we learn? Maybe we should ask ourselves some questions. Namely, "Am I aware of the enormity of my own sin?" "Am I aware of the wonder of being forgiven of my sins?" "Having been forgiven much, do I love much?" The final word from Jesus about lost people was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" (Mk. 16:15). To whom? Certain ones, privileged classes of the right skin color and ethnicity? No. All men. The faith that restored the sinful woman will also save us - an obedient faith!

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Lynn Wilkes, recovering from surgery; **Molly Ratliff**, back pain; **Tim Meredith**, recent injury; **Amanda Lyons**; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Seth & Jan Daniel**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

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Family & Friends

Waid Wilkes, bad fall; **Judy Huitt**, recovering from bypass surgery; **David Pippin**, several serious health problems; **Zack Jackson**, Jim's nephew, recent ICU stay for kidney issues; **Caleb Alford & sons**, severe automobile accident; **Michelle Gitter and family**, her father passed away; **Jonathan Livsey family**; **Joy Angel**; **Carleigh Miller**; **Martha Williams**, Amanda Lyon's grandmother, dementia.

Birthdays

6/3 Amanda Ferrell 6/18 Grace Williams
6/6 Bodie Meredith 6/21 Tim Meredith
6/13 Melaney Ferrell 6/28 Mischel Jackson

Anniversaries

6/3 Clarence & Faye Edwards
6/3 Carl & Ginna Honeycutt
6/4 Larry & Joyce Campbell
6/5 Andy & Molly Ratliff
6/7 Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold
6/10 Brad & Teresa Gregory
6/20 Carl & Mary Zluticky
6/26 Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell
6/28 Jim & Mischel Jackson

Get Involved!

We Need 3rd Qtr Bible Class Teachers

Please sign up at table in foyer

SLCC June Sessions Cancelled

Coldwater Singing Night — June 24, 7 PM

Coldwater Youth Devo — July 4, 8:30 PM

Meredith's hosting @ church building
Fireworks show planned, Tim accepting contributions toward fireworks purchase

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 21

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jerry Davis

Assist

Closing Prayer

Tim Wilkes II

Afternoon

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Sermon
Lord's Supper

**TEMPORARILY
CANCELLED**

Closing Prayer

Wednesday, June 24

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis

TECH:
HALL:

Dalton Owen