The World Needed A Savior

Daniel Lee · Luke 6:27–36

INTRODUCTION

- For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever would believe in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- Jesus didn't just love the easy people. Jesus loved the outcast, the marginalized, the baggage laden person.
- What do we say with our actions about loving other people?

1 Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27–36

- But I say to you who hear, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you.
- Jesus starts the section with a command. Love your enemies. There's no getting around that.
- The term that Jesus uses here for enemy actually means someone that is openly hostile, at enmity with another.
- And yet Jesus knew his audience, and still, Jesus commands, love your enemies. But he doesn't just command it, he tells them what it looks like.

2 Jesus Wants People Who Follow Him to Be Different

Psalm 2

- Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He did not come to rule us like every other king or ruler that we have ever seen.
- Jesus says, love your enemies because he wants people who follow him to be different.
- There must be a distinction in those who follow Christ and those who follow the world. Not in political affiliation, not in power, but in character.

3 Our Enemies Are Difficult to Love

Luke 6:31

- Our enemies are difficult to love, aren't they? There are enemies for a reason.
- To love them requires a lot of effort. It requires a lot of energy. It requires a lot of work.
- Jesus reminds these people, as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.
- Paul is saying if we're going to love our enemies, it starts by caring about others, the way that we care about ourselves.

4 Be Merciful, Even as Your Father Is Merciful

Luke 6:36; Luke 10; Matthew 5

- He also teaches that there's a need to respect and reflect the nature of God.

- If you see someone in need, you need to help them. Go and do likewise.
- We often neglect to show love to others because of inconvenience or selfishness on our part.
- Demonstrating mercy forces us to see people the same way that God sees people. As sinners in need of grace.

5 No One Deserves the Love of God

Luke 6:35; Romans 12; Matthew 18

- For us to withhold love and mercy from our enemies, what we're really doing is placing ourselves in the place of God.
- Sometimes we don't love our enemies because we don't think they deserve it. But the reality is, none of us really deserve it, do we?
- So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you if you do not forgive your brother from the heart.
- I have no right to withhold mercy and love even from my worst enemies, because the truth is no one deserves the love of God.

6 While We Were Enemies, We Were Reconciled

- But God shows his love for us and that while we were still sinners, Christ died.
- For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- We must train ourselves to see mankind the way God does. As sinners in need of a Savior.
- Baptism takes us from being enemies to God and makes us sons and daughters of a loving and gracious God.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you love him? Will you follow him? Will you commit to following him even when it's hard? Will you give your life to him?

MY NOTES