



Title | The Radical Love of Jesus
Series | Loving the Unloved
Text | Various
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Sermon Notes

John 8:4-11. 4 Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?...7b Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her...11b Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on, sin no more. ESV

Matthew 10:1-4. 1 And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and affliction. 2a The names of the twelve apostles are these...4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. ESV

Matthew 9:9. As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed Him. ESV

John 4:7-26. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink..." 9 The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria? For Jews have not dealings with Samaritans...) 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here" 17 The woman answered, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband. What you have said is true.'" 18 "For you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true..." 26b "I who speak to you am He." ESV

Big Idea:

Matthew 5:44. But I say to you, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read John 8:4-11. This woman was unloved because of her betrayal of society's values and morals. Yet Jesus loved the unloved by showing her dignity, grace and respect in spite of her immorality. Is It difficult for you to love someone steeped in immorality like this woman?

Tuesday:

Read Matthew 10:1-4. Simon was unloved because he was a murderer who hated and attacked both Romans and innocent Jews. Yet Jesus loved the unloved by showing him dignity, grace and respect in spite of his hatred and violence. Is it difficult for you to love someone steeped in hatred and violence like Simon?

Wednesday:

Read Matthew 9:9. Matthew was a violent traitor who robbed his own people. Yet Jesus loved the unloved by showing him dignity, grace and respect in spite of his betrayal and violence. Is It difficult for you to love someone steeped in betrayal and violence like Matthew?

Thursday:

Read John 4:7-26. This woman was unloved because of her false theology and immorality. Yet Jesus loved the unloved by showing dignity, grace and respect to her in spite of her theology and lifestyle. Is It difficult for you to love someone steeped in a different faith with a sordid past like this woman?

Friday:

Read Matthew 5:43-44. Jesus made the point that everyone is our neighbor and therefore deserving of love, even our enemies. Are there any groups or individuals you find difficult to love like Jesus loves? Do you find it difficult to love the unloved?

Daily Prayer:

Father, give me opportunities to show the dignity, grace and respect to all that Jesus showed. Remind me to love the unloved. Amen.

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