

Jesus - Encountering Humanity

Confirmation - Lesson A7

Name: _____

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Memory Verse of the Week: *'He is the radiance of the glory of God and the _____ of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.'* **Hebrews 1:3**

Jesus interaction with people depended upon the position and posture of their _____.

- 1) Jesus welcomed the _____ and repentant with grace, mercy, and truth.
 - Least of these - Children, sick, blind, other races, demon-possessed, and women
- 2) Jesus challenged the _____ and judgmental with conviction, truth, and righteous anger.
 - Self-righteous - Religious leaders, selfish, greedy, judgmental, and the cheat

Why would such a nice man be put to _____?

- Judea (where the Jews lived!) was under _____ rule and they didn't have full freedom.
- The Jewish people, during Jesus' time, had their own authorities that governed and guided religious practice---Tetrach's (government/civil) and _____ (religious).
- Jesus created _____ with the Jewish religious leaders by challenging their authority, reducing their popularity, and potentially getting them in trouble with Rome.
- The final straw that got Jesus put to death was raising _____ from the dead.
 - **John 11:48** - *'If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.'*
 - **John 11:50** - *'...it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.'*
 - **John 11:53** - *'So from that day on they made plans to put Him to death.'*

Beginning of Holy Week

- A great crowd is following Jesus as He comes to Jerusalem for the _____. The people have earthly hopes for a King to overthrow Rome, but Jesus sees greater purposes.
 - **Luke 19:41-42** - *'And when He drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.'*
- The _____ (Palm Sunday) initiates Holy Week and there are deeper meanings behind the donkey, palms, Eastern entrance and the words shouted.
- Jesus displays righteous anger in the Temple and wants to reform the church into a 'house of _____ for all _____.'

Main Point: Jesus shows compassion and grace towards the _____ and calls us to the same.

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) In your own words, why would such a nice guy like Jesus be put to death?

2) Which groups of people do you think Jesus would hang out with in society today? Do you hang out with these people?

3) If you treated people like Jesus did, what would change?

4) Who are 3 specific people that you could reach out to in your school/community that are rejected or left out by others?

5) If you had to describe the position of your heart towards God, would it be more of a humble position or an arrogant/self-righteous position? How would you know?

Parent Signature _____

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