

A Day With Jesus

Last Sunday, we discussed the importance of seeing Jesus for who He is: the Lamb of God. We asked the question: are you looking for a "who" or a "what?" My hope is that you've given it serious thought.

Today, we'll imagine what it would be like to walk by "the Lamb of God" and spend a day with Him. I've titled this sermon "Walking with Jesus." Andrew had that opportunity, and it forever changed his life. Has He changed ours?

I'll be the first to admit that we don't know how we'd react if Jesus walked by and invited us to spend a day with Him. Knowing everything we do, perhaps we'd mirror Peter after catching a large number of fish at Jesus' instruction. Remember? "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." (Luke 5:8). He said that after a year following Christ! (See John 1:35-42). Perhaps we'd be speechless. Maybe we'd break down in tears or begin to thank Him for what He's done. However, as hard as it is to imagine, many people walked with and talked to Jesus. Being around Jesus became a somewhat regular thing. Dare I say . . . normal? His disciples would argue with Jesus present, people would argue with Him, and sometimes even approach Him with petty disputes. So, think of it this way - if Jesus caught you on a typical day (not your Sunday best) . . . what would it look like? What would you talk about? How would that conversation go? Let's read John 1:35-39 one more time.

Would you be seen with Him?

- John 1:9-11. You remember that most people didn't want to be associated with Him - not even His own!
- Matthew 9:9-13. Was Jesus ashamed of Matthew? How do you know if you'd walk by Jesus or spend the day? Well, are you walking by His side now? Do you spend time with Him? Do others know about your relationship with the King of Kings? Do you talk about Him? Do you praise Him? Do you bring others to Him?
- You need to be reminded that Jesus knows your weaknesses. He came to heal, not kill.

What would Jesus think is most important in your life?

- Andrew was looking for the Messiah. I think he left a good impression on Christ. What about you? Maybe you'd talk about work? Perhaps you'd spend time discussing projects you're interested in? Maybe get His insight on stocks or even inheritance that is due you? Yes, that last one actually happened.
- Luke 12:13-21 (though, take note of vs. 22-34). What do you talk to other Christians about? When you spend a reasonable amount of time together, is the Lord invited into your conversation? Here's a good test: the Elders at North Collin take time to visit every family. Most of you have probably done so at this point. What did you talk about more than anything else? What impression did you leave? Did they walk away feeling comforted or concerned?
- 2 Corinthians 8:9. Jesus is the example. We need to remember such passages.

- **Psalm 127.** Brethren, we're not saying that we don't have responsibilities in this life that mean nothing to God. In fact, He should be a part of them all, BUT choosing those things over God is in vain. Neglecting your family (wife or children) over things is in vain.

Would you complain?

- **Mark 10:34-35.** Not getting due recognition? Others getting on your nerves? If we do this among ourselves, I can only imagine how we complain about those outside the body.
 - **Philippians 2:1-8.** What position did Jesus take? Think you're always easy?
- **Matthew 16:21-28.** Feel like Jesus' way of doing things doesn't make sense? Don't like how things are set up or how it's going?
 - **Matthew 26:36-46.** You think Jesus' plan was easy to execute in the flesh? Think there's a better way? He didn't have a way out?

Would you pretend or miss the point?

- **Luke 10:25-28.** Some people do this. No, take that back. Many people do this. They either know they're posers or have fooled themselves, but either way, they act as if they're spiritual when they're not. Jesus has always been able to see through it.
- Then you have those who have fooled themselves due to their knowledge. They think that they truly seek the Lord because they seek biblical answers. Jesus has their heads but not their hearts.
- **Mark 12:28-34.** However, Jesus notices those who are struggling. We're not perfect, are we? What about you? Are you in the kingdom? Are you far from the kingdom? It's normal to focus on what Jesus would say to us, but today we're actually considering what we'd say to Him. What about you?
- Jesus was the real deal. He was focused. Everything centered around God. He was sincere and brilliant. God had His head and heart. When you continue in Mark 12, you get a taste of what He brought to the table. Yet, as messy as the people were . . . He died for them all.