



What Would Jesus Do with Racism?

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TEXT: MATTHEW 7:15, 21-23; 23:25-28; ROMANS 13:11-14, 14:16

Racism is a serious topic and it matters greatly today. What would Jesus do with racism? Would he be a target in today's world? How do you approach the subject?



NOTES

What would Jesus do with racism?

Racism: prejudice, discrimination or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one's own race is superior. (The Oxford Dictionary)

Jesus came through King David's lineage - Israelite. Bloodlines of the world. He would be a clear target for anti-Semitism today.

Why is there slavery in the Bible? Because it's been in history.

"Bad science...sick sociology...evil economics...slaveholder religion..." – Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

What would Jesus do with racism?

The worldview Jesus knew as a rabbi and practiced in his ministry can be summarized in six principles:

Principle 1: All human beings are created in the image of God.

God "created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Genesis 1:27

Principle 2: All human beings are descended from the same parents.

"The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living."

Genesis 3:20

The Lord "made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth."

Acts 17:26

Principle 3: Every person is equally valuable to God.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life".

John 3:16

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female for you are all one in Christ Jesus".



Galatians 3:28

“God shows no favoritism.”

Acts 10:34

Principle 4: Every person is equally welcome to salvation in Christ.

“God is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9

“God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:4

“Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins and not only for ours but also for the whole world.”

1 John 2:2

Principle 5: All people will be equally valuable in paradise.

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands and they cried out in a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb.’”

Revelation 7:9

Principle 6: Jesus wants his people to love all people unconditionally.

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 22:39

“Do to others what you would have them do to you, this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 7:12

That's how Jesus lived, what he taught and the way he led.

Start where you are and love from there outward. To Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the ends of the Earth.

Racism is a serious topic and it matters in our church, in our city and in our world. How do you approach the subject?

The man answered, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”



Luke 10:27 NLT

“And who is my neighbor?”

Luke 10:29 NLT

“Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?’ Jesus asked. The man replied, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Then Jesus said, ‘Yes, now go and do the same.’”

Luke 10:36-37

“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

Colossians 3:12 NLT

“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

Colossians 3:13 NLT

