

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

ACCEPTING THE LOVE OF GOD

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PART 1: HOW JESUS RELATED TO WOMEN

Do you have a personal relationship with God the Father through his Son Jesus Christ? Jesus was an excellent example in how He related to people 2,000 years ago and told us that if we had have seen Him, we have also seen the Father. **John 14:8-9; 1 John 1:1-4**

JESUS AND WOMEN

We know that Jesus had an inner core of 120 persons who had made the decision to follow Jesus on a full-time basis during his time on earth. In looking at the book of Acts, we know that the group consisted of 11 apostles, 70 men and 39 women. **Acts 1:12-15**

Very little has been preached over the years that Jesus had such a large group of women who were part of His entourage. Most likely this group of women must have done the cooking and washing during the 3.5 years that Jesus walked around in the land of Israel. **Luke 8:1-3**

Women were considered inferior by the Jews since Eve was beguiled by the serpent and tempted Adam to sin. Even the apostle Paul held this opinion. **1 Timothy 2:9-15**

Jesus did not treat women in that fashion and there were many occasions that He visited the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary, three siblings that lived in the village of Bethany. Martha and Mary were so comfortable with Jesus that they sent for Him when their brother died. **John 11:1-3**

Jesus got the message but wanted Lazarus to die so that He could raise him from the dead. **verse 4**

The apostle John tells us that Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters with a divine love (agapao). **verse 5**

Martha loved Jesus but was angry because He had not come before Lazarus died. She was so comfortable with Jesus that she berated Him for being late. **verses 20-24**

Jesus did not get angry with Martha but told her that He was the resurrection. **verses 25-26**

She confirmed her faith in Jesus as the Messiah. **verse 27**

Jesus told Martha to get Mary. **verse 28**

When Mary came to Jesus, she wept and also scolded Him for not having come earlier. **verses 29-32**

Jesus became emotional and also wept. **verse 33-35**



Lazarus was dead and his sisters were filled with unbelief but Jesus ignored it and raised Lazarus from the dead. **verses 38-44**

Jesus showed compassion, concern and great love for this man and his two sisters. You and I can expect the same things in our lives since the Bible tells us that Jesus never changes. **Hebrews 13:8**

Six days before Jesus was crucified, He went to spend a last time with Lazarus and his sisters and they made a great feast for Him in their home.

As was the custom in a Jewish home, only men ate at the table while the women cooked and served the food and ate afterward in the kitchen. **John 12:1-2**

Mary loved Jesus with all her heart and broke the rules when she ministered to Jesus. She felt neither shame nor fear and knew in her heart that Jesus loved her; therefore, she came and gave Him the most expensive gift she could afford. **verses 3**

Jesus defended Mary after Judas Iscariot rebuked her. **verses 4-8**

OTHER WOMEN

One day Jesus stopped by to have dinner with a Pharisee named Simon.

As Jesus and Simon were having dinner, a woman entered the house and the Bible identifies her as a sinner, most likely a prostitute.

She had no fear of Jesus, but went straight to Him in order to minister unto Him. The custom at this time was for meals to be served around a low table with no chairs and guests would lie on cushions facing the table with their feet pointed away. **Luke 7:36-38**

Simon began to mock Jesus in his mind. **verses 39**

Jesus could read the minds of people and scolded him. **verses 40-43**

Then He turned to the woman and forgave her sins. **verses 44-50**

A number of women had been ministered to by Jesus and been set free from the demons that oppressed them. **Luke 8:1-3**

Some of the women who were with Jesus were also at the cross watching Him die. **Mark 15:40**

Jesus showed His love and tenderness toward the women to whom He ministered. **John 20:1; 11-18**

SUMMARY

Jesus cared for women and lifted them up despite the custom of that day to despise women and treat them harshly. This should encourage us to exhibit the same tender emotions that Jesus displayed as He walked among men and women on this earth.

- ❖ Jesus was caring

- ❖ Jesus was loving
- ❖ Jesus was compassionate
- ❖ Jesus had a personal relationship with the people in his presence
- ❖ Jesus forgave sinners and healed the sick

Why did Jesus do this? Because he loves the human race and died for us.

Jesus said that if you have seen me, you have also seen the Father.

Thus we can conclude that God the Father has the same emotions that Jesus did and this should greatly encourage us to accept His love and be willing to walk closely with Him.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?