

Title: “Who Do You See?”

Text: Hebrews 5:8-9 NKJV

Proposition: We can still see Jesus, every day of our lives

Purpose: Show Jesus to the listener, so they will seek to see him daily

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*6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,
7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on
His head as He sat at the table.*

8 But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?

9 For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.”

*10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has
done a good work for Me.*

11 For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always.

12 For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

*13 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman
has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”*

Matthew 26:6-13 NKJV

I. Introduction: How To Treat A Bridegroom

One of the most vibrant ways the Lord describes Himself is as our Bridegroom. And this is very informative for us as believers and followers of Jesus. If we are His Bride and He is our Bridegroom, there is an expectation of intimacy and pursuit. A good wife seeks to please her Husband. She is by His side. She serves His best interests. She is loyal, humble, and available to minister to her Husband in His time of need.

A good wife doesn't reject her Husband. She doesn't allow herself to lose sight of who He is and what He is doing. She doesn't put herself above Him. But she puts Him first. A wife is supposed to be a helper. She is supposed to be her Husband's treasure, yes. But there is a service connected to being a Bride.

This service requires Oneness, closeness. This service to the Lord requires a CLINGING to Christ.

*¹⁹I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;
²⁰that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”*

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NKJV

God’s desire has always been for you to have uninhibited access to Him. Unfortunately, due our sin nature, we need to seek Him and go beyond our comfort zone.

The woman we just read about, didn’t care who was watching her. She saw the value in her Bridegroom. She lavished her love on Him. She knew that Jesus was going to die for her. She adored Him because He adored her. She wanted to return the favor. Her appreciation for the cost He had to pay for her, inspired her to give Him EVERYTHING.

II. The Cross & The Covenant

Without His death on the Cross, Jesus would not have won your heart. He would not have had the right or expectation to have you as His own. He had to pay the full cost of what you were worth. And you are worth EVERYTHING to God. God was willing to pay with the blood of His Only and Perfect Son, so that you could have life and life in Christ.

The Cross was the cost of the covenant. He cut covenant with you when He gave His life. In Jewish culture, when you came into covenant, something had to die to show just how deep the relationship goes. It goes beyond what’s visible. It is a covenant for life, and it comes from each member giving up their life for the good of the covenant relationship.

So, Christ died to have you and your heart in covenant with His. He died to have uninhibited access to you. But have you given Him that access?

Does He have your WHOLE HEART?

*O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
²You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.*

*³ You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.'*

*23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.*
Psalm 139:1-2; 23-24 NKJV

Was the price Jesus paid on the Cross enough for you? Did it not show you His heart for you? Did Jesus fail to show you how much He loves you? Did Jesus win your heart on the Cross? Have you volunteered to give the Lord EVERYTHING? Or do you expect Him to force His way in? Again, was the Cross not enough for you to pour out your life for Jesus? When you think of Jesus, **WHO DO YOU SEE?** Like a Bride, are you wholly His?

III. The Cross Steals Your Heart

*⁵⁵ "And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar,
⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons."*
Matthew 27:55-56 NKJV

What's truly astounding is the number of women who saw the suffering and death of Jesus in much more intimate, vivid, and life-altering ways. These women were evidently heart sick over His maltreatment. They were desperate to be near the suffering Son of Man. They were described as those who were "acquaintances" with Jesus. They were close to Him. They knew Him better than most. And their hearts were devoted to the One they knew was in love with them. They treated Him with the most reverence and respect. You can tell they adored the Lord.

*⁴⁰ "There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome,
⁴¹ who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem."*
Mark 15:40-41 NKJV

⁴⁷ "And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid."
Mark 15:47 NKJV

These were His closest followers. They had an unusual relationship with Jesus because He had stolen their hearts. His love was so real and apparent and tangible, that they couldn't help but stay as close to Him as possible. Even Peter, the most bold of the apostles shirked at the chance to be seen with Jesus. But these women, these friends, didn't care. They loved Jesus with every fiber in their being. What they were witnessing on the Cross was what they had already received, the uninhibited love of God displayed in the life of Jesus Christ.

Jesus wants you to have the same experience. He wants you to lose yourself in His love. He wants you to see Him for who He really is. He is the Bridegroom who didn't hesitate to give everything He has for His Bride. Who wouldn't fall in love with a Man like that? **IS HE WORTH GIVING YOUR HEART TO?**

IV. CONCLUSION: The Resurrection Fills Your Heart

28 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

The Women Worship the Risen Lord

9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

Matthew 28:1-10 NKJV

One more thing is abundantly clear. The women who adored the Lord refused to believe there was nothing more Jesus had for them. They knew to be close to the tomb. They weren't there because they were hopeless. They were there because they had hope. They believed His love truly endures forever. And despite the fact they couldn't see Him, they were devoted to being with Him. They wanted more of the love that He had poured out on them. And these devoted followers refused to believe that the flow of His love could be interrupted by anything, including His death.

They had faith in the Jesus they couldn't see, because the love He gave them was all the evidence they needed. They couldn't fathom a life without the severe intimacy they had with Jesus. And they were looking to resume the love many thought had come to an end.

These lovers of Jesus remembered His words spoken to them after He rose from the grave:

"...I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19 NKJV

Can you believe that the invisible Jesus is here with you right now? That He brought you here today so you can learn and receive His love and heart? I invite you to give Him your whole heart today. He is with you, if you will receive Him.