



Sermon Notes

Term – Autumn 2019

Series – The Gospel of Luke

Gathering & Date – the 10, 2 December

Title – Luke 5:12-35 (Whose side are you on?)

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Reading – Luke 5:12-35

Questions

Why do the religious leaders find it so hard to recognise Jesus as Messiah and so easy to accuse him of being

- Blasphemous
- Morally lax & careless
- Ritually unobservant
- Unclean by association
- Actively lawless?

For Jesus to touch a leper was shocking. Who are the people you wouldn't touch with a bargepole?

Levi (Matthew) represents everything the religious elite despised. Who fits that category for you?

Why does religion, with its binary choices (right, wrong, clean, unclean) bring such comfort? Why do we find it so reassuring to draw lines to keep certain people or groups out?

What's the hidden flaw in a religious system which assures us that we are better than others, that we are the right side of the line?

In today's world, where would we find Jesus?

What sort of God would you prefer?

- One who allows you to be defined by your dress ...? Or One who calls out your gold?
- One who leaves you unclean and excluded? Or One who reaches out to touch you and make you clean?
- One who leaves you paralysed by your sin? Or One who forgives you with a word?
- One who steers clear of you and the people you mix with? Or One who gladly accepts any invitation

If the God we meet in Jesus is like that, then should not those who follow him be like that to the world around us?