



Teaching Notes: Ray Davis
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Jesusology

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Mark 14:43-65

“Authentic Christianity”

The strongest argument for Christianity is Christians when they are authentic, Holy Spirit controlled servants. The strongest argument against Christianity is Christians when they are pretentious out of control users. In our text we will learn what authentic Christianity looks like and how that change happens.

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Judas: User vs. Server (Why?) vv43-46

(Mark 8:34-38; John 1:19-34)

- Using Jesus is making Him the means to the ultimate end of your happy life. This is a self-centered life ultimately the kiss of death.
- Serving Jesus is making your life a means to the ultimate end of pleasing Him. This is a God-centered life ultimately the kiss of life.
- Telltale signs are my response to suffering and my reason for Spiritual disciplines.

Peter: Uncontrolled vs. Holy Spirit Controlled (How?) v47

(John 18:10-11; Gal.5:16-26; Rom. 8:5-6)

- Holy Spirit control is to master our emotions and desires rather than allowing them to master us (uncontrolled).
- This is seen in the great range of addictions that plague us. All of us have serious trouble with this in some area – whether it is with control of our tongues, or our time or our thoughts.
- If we don't learn to live a Spirit Controlled life pride, anger, envy, lust, greed, gluttony, slothfulness, will strip us of jobs, marriages, friendships, and even our physical lives.

- The key to change is not through the acts of the will but the loves of the heart.

Mark: Pretense vs. Authenticity (Who?) vv51-52

(Gen. 3:7-13; Luke 18:10-14; Phil. 2:1-4)

- Pretense is motivated by guilt and shame and leads to self-absorption (pride) in the form of inflated (boasting) or deflated (self-pity) view of self.
- Authenticity is motivated by the assurance of God's love no matter what and leads to blessed self-forgetfulness (humility) in the form of counting the concerns of others as more important than my own.

Jesus: Authentic God-empowered Servants (When?) vv53-65

(Rom.1:16; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20)

- Jesus is the Judge of the World (vv61-62) who was judged for the world (vv63-65).
- When the breathtaking beauty of the person and work of Jesus becomes more and more of a reality I will become more...
 - ✓ Authentic through the security of His Love.
 - ✓ Holy Spirit controlled through the strength of His Love.
 - ✓ Of a Servant through the satisfaction of His Love.

Spiritual disciplines will be a priority, community a necessity and ministry an opportunity to display the beauty of Jesus Christ!

March 7	“Martyr”	Mark 14:66-72
March 14	“At-One-Ment”	Mark 15:1-15
March 21	“Mocking Jesus”	Mark 15:16-32
March 28	“Defeating Darkness”	Mark 15:33-39

April 2 (**Good Friday**) “Jesus’ Final Words” DB Offices 6:30 & 8pm

April 4 (**Easter!**) “Empty Tomb = Full Life!” Mark 16:1-8
(Service Times: 8, 9:30, 11 am)



Growing

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1) What would you say is the strongest argument for and against Christianity? Read Mark 14:43-65. What would be your impression of Christianity based on the three main characters of this study (Judas, Peter, and Mark)?

2) What is the difference between a user and server of Jesus? Why are the telltale signs between being a user and a server of Jesus my response to suffering and my reason for Spiritual disciplines?

3) We know that Peter was the one who cut the ear off of the servant (John 18:10-11). How does this show us what happens when our emotions & desires are not under the control of the Holy Spirit? What do you struggle with the most your tongue, time or thoughts? Why is the key to change not through the acts of the will but the loves of the heart? (Matt. 6:21)

4) What is pretense motivated by and ultimately lead to? How does the love of God motivate greater levels of authenticity? Blessed self-forgetfulness is not that we think less of ourselves but that we think of ourselves less. Explain. (Phil. 2:1-4)

5) How does the breathtaking beauty of Jesus the judge of the world being judged for the world change a person into an authentic God empowered servant? Why would an authentic God empowered servant make spiritual disciplines a priority, community a necessity and ministry an opportunity to display Jesus?

Pray that DB becomes more authentic in Christianity.