

EXPLAINING JESUS, EXPERIENCING CHRIST | WEEK #03

Do I Get Involved or Not? | March 19th

WHAT WAS THE CULTURAL MATRIX OF THE HISTORICAL JESUS?

Sometimes the decision to get _____ brings joy and sometimes it brings pain.

The social world or cultural matrix of Jesus was in _____.

The Roman tax policy created a system of _____ for the Jews.

The politics of _____ dominated the Jewish world as a response to Roman occupation.

Three active renewal movements _____ the politics of holiness.

These cultural dynamics created a social group called _____ and _____.

Roman _____ and _____ to the Jewish politics of holiness were leading to war.

WHAT WAS THE HISTORICAL JESUS THEN AMID THIS SOCIAL CRISIS?

Jesus was a _____ who challenged conventional wisdom by teaching an alternative _____.

Jesus taught an image of reality: _____ Spirit that is gracious and understanding.

Jesus ate with _____ to demonstrate his image of reality. (Mark 2:16)

To describe this quality of God, Jesus most often used the word _____.

Jesus used three primary images for his alternative way of _____.

1. A new _____ (Mark 7)
2. _____ on God/Spirit (Lk 16:13; Mat 6:19-12)
3. The way of _____ (Lk 9:23)

Jesus was the founder of a _____ revitalization movement grounded in _____ . Mat 10:5-6; Lk 6:6

DON'T MISS THIS

Explaining the historical Jesus invites us to experience the living Christ as a compassionate _____ on the narrow peacemaking _____.

HOW CAN I LIVE THIS IN MY EVERYDAY, NORMAL LIFE?

_____ conventional wisdom and modern holiness politics.

_____ your life on the compassionate, caring loving nature of Spirit.

Consider _____ as a ritualized way of choosing the path Jesus invites you to follow.

HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

Compassion makes suffering _____ in a community.

WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Consider where in my normal, everyday life I need to give a more compassionate response to others.
2. Read the gospel of Luke through the lens of the clash of a politic of holiness and a politic of compassion.
3. Sign up for Baptism April 16.

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. What would you describe as the conventional wisdom of American life?
2. Have you ever felt the weight or exclusion of the politics of Holiness in your own life? When and how?
3. Why do you think Jesus felt so strongly regarding his vision for compassion over holiness?
4. What are the implications for those outside of Judaism if the historical Jesus's message and movement were meant to revitalize and even rescue Jewish life from war with Rome in the first century?
5. How have you experienced the compassion of God that Jesus taught? If you had any kind of upbringing in faith, was it grounded in compassion or holiness?
6. If compassion makes suffering unacceptable, where are we as a culture and even a church not seeing or acting with compassion?

