

Saturday Evening, Nov. 6
Breakout Lecture Session

7:40 p.m.
Auditorium

Jesus & the Overlooked.....Vance Davis

“Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me” (Matt. 25:40). Some people in life and in the church are easily overlooked and seldom noticed. Jesus refused to let this happen in His life. He called unto Himself the children, He spoke kindly with women, He attended to the widows and He made a point to reach out to the outcast Samaritans. The Son of Man did not show partiality; He did not prefer certain ones or brush off certain others. He made time for and drew attention to those some would consider “insignificant.”

Introduction

In the everydayness of life, there are those in the church, as well as in the world, who are overlooked by others. They live in quietude and very seldom do anything that would draw attention to themselves. Often, these are the ones who are not considered “important” or “significant” people by anyone of community or worldly status. We have a tendency to overlook those who are disabled or to treat them in ways that emphasize or trivialize their disadvantage. Yet, Jesus sees something of eternal value in each and every one...including you and me.

I. The Possessed Man (Mark 5:1-20)

- A. The Mad Man
 - 1. One who lived in the stench of the tombs
 - 2. Unable to be controlled
- B. Jesus’ Authority Over The Supernatural
 - 1. Destitute state known by the possessed man
 - 2. Jesus gave him what he feared
 - 3. The man desired to share it

II. The Hemorrhaging Woman (Mark 5:24-34)

- A. Demoralized, Yet Determined Woman
 - 1. Desperation
 - 2. Her thoughts
- B. The Outstretched Hand of Faith
 - 1. Unchangeable
 - 2. The healing touch

III. The Samaritan Woman (John 4:4-42)

- A. The Woman
 - 1. Was a Samaritan
 - 2. Was known to be living in sin
 - 3. Was in a public place

- B. A Valued Gift
 - 1. Something promising within her
 - 2. Something to be renewed
 - 3. Reclaimed for God.
- C. What Jesus Isn’t
 - 1. He is never tired.
 - 2. He is never distant.
 - 3. He is never distracted.
 - 4. He is not limited by time and space.
 - 5. He can be present in all people.
 - 6. He cannot be destroyed or overpowered.

IV. The Woman Caught In Adultery (John 8:1-11)

- A. The Woman
 - 1. Lonely
 - 2. Embarrassed
 - 3. Accused
 - 4. Endangered
- B. The Circumstances
 - 1. Righteousness calls for judgment
 - 2. Mercy calls for forgiveness

V. The Man Born Blind (John 9:1-39)

- A. The Man
 - 1. Poor
 - 2. Begging
- B. The Disciples
 - 1. Thinking of cause
 - 2. Look for purpose
 - 3. Nothing to do with sin

VI. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9)

- A. The Man
 - 1. A tax collector
 - 2. Held in contempt by all
- B. A New Experience
 - 1. Jesus offers friendship
 - 2. Eternal worth

Conclusion

If we would be followers of Jesus, we must choose the lifestyle of Jesus. Thinking like Jesus, feeling like Jesus, and acting like Jesus, is more than ten words.



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