

Valuing A Child

Jesus Had a Different Measuring Stick in Valuing People

Biblical Passages That Reveal How Jesus Regarded People

Beatitudes: Matthew 5:1-11 Jesus said blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, peacemakers, those persecuted for righteousness sake, those reviled and recipients of evil.

Jesus' Assessment of John the Baptist: Matthew 11:11 "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Brings good news to the poor, the captives, the blind. Luke 4:18

Welcomes and blesses children. Luke 18:15-17

Lifts up repentant tax collector versus self-righteous Pharisee. Luke 18:9-14

Seeks out the lost as he does with the tax collector Zacchaeus. Luke 19:1-10:

Heals Roman centurion's slave. Luke 7:1-10, Cleanses ten lepers. Luke 17:11-19

Tells of poor beggar going to Abraham's bosom, but not selfish rich man. Luke 16:19-31

Had women followers, one was Mary Magdalene, he cast out 7 demons from her. Luke 8:1-3

Cast out demon from a boy. Luke 9:37-43

Brought good news to a Samaritan woman at the well. John 4:4-4:1-11

Told of foolish selfish son returning home and welcomed by his father Luke 15:11-32

Does not condemn woman caught in adultery. John 8:1-11

Welcoming children is welcoming him, Matt. 18:5, Serving the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned, the least of all is serving him. Matt.25:34-40

Washes the feet of the disciples. John 13:1-15

Raises dead friend Lazarus even though this will bring on his own crucifixion. John 11:18-44

Promises dying thief on a cross he will be with Jesus in Paradise. Luke 23:39-43



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Prayed on the cross for those who put him there, “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34

Stayed loyal to Thomas who had doubted his resurrection. John 20:24-29

Brought Peter back into the fold even though Peter had denied him. John 21:15-19