

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## Jesus Sounded Mean Sometimes

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Jesus is the Son of God and Lord. He is fully divine. He came to earth to seek and save the lost. He died for our sins and was buried and raised from the dead. Therefore, we can conclude that Jesus's preaching and teaching was perfect: He was sinless in all He said and did.

But if we teach people in 21<sup>st</sup> century American culture the way Jesus taught people, our speech might be considered mean, judgmental, or cruel. Consider these messages from Jesus:

(1). *John 4:15-19*. As He was engaging in a discussion of "living water" with a Samaritan woman, Jesus asked the woman where her

husband was. She said she was not currently married, to which Jesus replied that He already knew that. He told her that she had been married and divorced five times, and that she was currently living with a man. Jesus did not compliment her. He did not list all of her good deeds. He actually pointed to an area of her life that was totally out of step with godly living. "How judgmental!" someone might shout today.

(2). *Matthew 16:21-23*. After Peter confessed that Jesus was the Christ just a few verses earlier, Jesus strongly rebuked Peter for suggesting that it would not be good for Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus looked at Peter

and said, "Get behind me, Satan!" That sounds really mean. Jesus called one of His closest apostles "Satan." But the name fit. Satan's objective is to thwart the work of God.

(3). *Matthew 23:13-33*. Jesus reserved his harshest criticism for scribes and Pharisees—the most influential Jewish leaders of Jesus's day. He despised their hypocrisy. In verse after verse, Jesus detailed their duplicity. He ended the passage by saying, "You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?" (v. 33).

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Josh Demonbreum is doing much better.
- Trunk or Treat will be October 29th after evening worship. We will provide pizza and drinks.
- Steve Buchanan was treated for a kidney stone Friday.
- Kim Waller is improving.
- Maime Hamilton's daughter Darlene is responding well to her cancer treatment.

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## This Morning's Sermon: "Guilt" Tonight's Sermon: "Credit The Assist"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: Hovis

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: D. Demonbreum, Billingsley, Smith

Pray: Brown

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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm  
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*“Racism does not have a good track record. It’s been tried out for a long time and you’d think by now we’d want to put an end to it instead of putting it under new management.”*

*Thomas Sowell*

I Timothy 1:15  
“It is a trustworthy statement,  
deserving full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into  
the world to save sinners,  
among whom I am foremost  
of all.”

*“The white man’s happiness cannot be purchased by the black man’s misery.”*

*Frederick Douglass*

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## Balanced Doctrine

Even though you might have favorite Bible verse, you understand that one verse is not more important than another verse. *All* Scripture is inspired by God (II Tim. 3:16). That simple point can easily be forgotten when two people have a Bible study. One might claim that a particular verse *trumps* another verse, while the other person has his set of *trump card* verses. So the two people spend the entire study just trying to one-up each other their favorite verses. That type of study is fruitless and fails to recognize the earlier point: all verses carry the same weight. They all fit together to present God’s message of redemption to man. Let’s consider some verses that seemingly contra-

dict one another:

(1). *Romans 8:1 and I Cor. 10:12*. In the Romans verse, we are taught that is someone is in Christ he /she is not condemned. The rest of Romans 8 teaches us about all the spiritual blessings associated with being in Christ. But I Corinthians 10:12 states that one who is in Christ can fall from that position. There seems to be conflict between those verses. But in reality there isn’t. Indeed, those who are in Christ will be saved, without exception. However, one *can* fall away from that relationship. Paul’s uses Old Testament examples in the previous verses to show that even God’s people can violate their good standing with

God.

(2). *Romans 10:9-10 and Mark 16:16*. Paul writes that belief in Jesus and confession are required for salvation. In Mark 16:16, Jesus said that he who believes and is baptized shall be saved. So which is it? Are those two verses exclusive of one another? If I only believe and confess, will one be saved? What if someone baptized apart from belief and confession? We can see that these verses do not present an either/or situation; it’s a both/and situation. What we need to do to be saved is found throughout the New Testament. We need to do *everything* that’s taught regarding salvation.

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