

Jesus Our Teacher

What Jesus Said About Love

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbour as yourself."

Revelation 2-3

Church of Ephesus

1. Jesus' commendation
2. Jesus' complaint

"But I have this against you, you have forsaken your first love"

Rev 2:4

3. Jesus' counsel

i. Remember. Vs. 5

'remember the height from which you have fallen'

'forgetting the past is like turning our most intimate teacher against us.'

Henri Nouwen

ii. Repent

iii. Return

'and do the works you did at first'

Thus says the LORD, "I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride. Thus says the LORD: "What wrong did your fathers find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless?"

Jeremiah 2:2,5

Who do you love, what do you love more than Jesus?

Love your neighbour as yourself.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 14:7-11

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Luke 14:12-14

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you..

Matthew 5:38-41