

## Seeing as Jesus Sees

### DAY ONE. Read Luke 21:1-4; 1Samuel 16:7-12

*Where we see insignificance, He sees significance because...  
We look at the outside; He looks at the inside*

It is said that we form impressions of people within three seconds of meeting them for the first time. Most of the impression is based on outward factors. Identify people you consider insignificant based on outward impressions. Consider ways you could try to see into their hearts instead. How does your impression change?

**Pray.** Ask God to help you pay more attention to people's hearts instead of their outward appearances.

### DAY TWO. Read Luke 22:54-61; John 21:15-17

*Where we see failure, He sees success because...  
We look at what is; He looks at what can be*

Think of people you know who have fallen away from God, perhaps through some serious sin. Is your tendency to see them as permanently damaged or capable of restoration? Picture them as restored and even "better than they were before."

**Pray.** Pray for someone you see as "damaged goods." Ask God to show you how you could become an instrument of restoration in their lives.

### DAY THREE. Read Luke 19:1-9; Galatians 1:23

*Where we see a sinner, He sees a saint because...  
We look at man's weakness; He looks at God's power*

Think of people you tend to think of as "beyond saving." Then consider biblical examples like Zaccheaus and Paul. Picture the people you thought of as coming to Christ. They are the very people Jesus came to save.

**Pray.** Take some time to pray for those around you who you tend to think of as "beyond saving." Pray that they will come to Jesus.

## His Unexpected Look

Unexpected: Following Jesus #1

### 1. Insignificant or significant?

*We look at the outside; He looks at the inside*

**Luke 21:1-4** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> As he looked up (ἀναβλέπω), Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup> He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup> All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

**1Samuel 16:7** (NIV) <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

**Mark 14:8-9** (NIV) <sup>8</sup> "She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup> I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

**1Corinthians 12:24-25** (NIV) <sup>24</sup> But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

### 2. Failure or success?

*We look at what is; He looks at what can be*

**Luke 22:54-61** (NIV) <sup>54</sup> Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together,

Peter sat down with them. <sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. <sup>59</sup> About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked straight at (ἐμβλέπω) Peter.

Peter: John 13:37; Mark 14:29; 31; Luke 22:33  
Jesus: John 13:38; Mark 14:30; Luke 22:31

**Psalms 130:1-4** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> "Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; <sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. <sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared."

**Isaiah 57:15-18** (NIV) <sup>15</sup> For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. <sup>16</sup> I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me—the breath of man that I have created. <sup>17</sup> I was enraged by his sinful greed; I punished him, and hid my face in anger, yet he kept on in his willful ways. <sup>18</sup> I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him,

**2Corinthians 7:9-11** (NIV) <sup>9</sup> ...yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. <sup>10</sup> Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. <sup>11</sup> See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what

readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

**John 21:15-17** (NIV) <sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." <sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

### 3. *Sinner or saint?*

***We look at men's weakness; He looks at God's power***

**Luke 19:1-9** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up (ἀναβλέπω) and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

**2Chronicles 16:9** (NIV) <sup>9</sup> For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.