

SERMON NOTES

Eph. 4; Matt. 23

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Jesus Never Said That! “Be Nice to One Another”

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I. Was Jesus a Nice Guy?

- A. Examples that he was a nice guy.
- B. Examples that he wasn't a nice guy.
- C. What does it mean to be “nice?”

II. Ephesians 4

- A. Christians are meant to be different from the world, to be salt and light, a beacon on a hill.
- B. Examples in Ephesians 4
 - 1. Speak the truth in love
 - 2. Righteous anger
 - 3. Honest living
 - 4. Wholesome talk
 - 5. Compassion and forgiveness
 - 6. Example of Jesus

III. Jesus as the Gold Standard

- A. What are the guiding principles of Jesus?
 - 1. When the words are for the sake of the other
 - 2. When the words are for justice and mercy
 - 3. When the words are for reconciliation
- B. Romans 12:18 ***“In so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with one another.”***

IV. Conclusion

- A. Speaking boldly vs getting it off your chest
- B. Acting with justice vs losing it
- C. Goal of reconciliation vs. getting in the last word
- D. Love one another vs. be nice to one another