



Would the **real** Jesus
please stand up?

WEEK TWO

The Imposing Jesus

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LUKE 6:12-49

1. "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild." Do you think this is true or not?

2. Luke 6:20-26 contain some shocking words. Compare the two lists (i.e. v20-22, and v24-26), and consider the timescales – who gets a blessing or a woe, and when? Why is this the case? How might this teaching radically transform your daily lifestyle? What kind of lifestyle should a follower of Jesus expect to have?

3. Read through verses 27-31, noting the different ways we are called to react to those 'against' us. What would our lives look like if we all did this? How do you think this might change the view people have of the church? Are there any specific ways that you know you might need to do this in your life at the moment?

4. In verses 32-35, Jesus says something remarkable about how to respond to those who cannot, or will not, 'do good' to us or 'repay' us. Where does Jesus say that we should look for our reward (or 'credit') instead? What might this look like in practice? What would you say is the 'reward' that you are looking for in your life at the moment?

5. Think through your average week, what does it mean to 'be merciful' like our Father God (v36)?

6. Why are verses 37-42 so difficult to live out? How does the person who finds it easy to judge others reveal something about the way in which they view themselves? Why does a person with such an attitude find it difficult to fully accept the gospel?

7. It seems from this passage that Jesus is not reluctant in urging his followers to adopt a very radical set of values and attitudes. If you were to summarise these values and attitudes in one sentence, what would it be?

Notes
