

Men's Bible Study: Manifestation

Part 3: Let Them See You

- ❖ **As believers, we too often negate the importance and the power of our witness...**
Mat. 5:14-16

- ❖ **We don't fully appreciate what our witness can do for others...**
 - It encourages others and builds faith – Acts 20:12; Acts 12:13-17
 - Ultimately, it brings glory to God – Eph. 2:10; 1 Pet. 2:9
 - It can also lead to hate and despisement – 2 Sam. 6:16-23; 1 Cor. 2:8

- ❖ **Folk can receive you dying before they'll receive you living.** – John 11:33

- ❖ **God did not loose you as a man so that the enemy could bind you – John 11:44**
 - We must stop hanging out with DEAD things
 - We must stop picking up new grave clothes
 - We must allow God to position us where He wants us in His Plan
 - We must live holy – Heb. 12:14

- ❖ **We have to settle it in our spirit that God wants us to be His witness in the earth**
 - It ain't about you, it's about Jesus (If I be lifted up...John 12:32)
 - You went through to bring somebody else out – Gen. 50:20
 - The enemy's mistake was messing with you in the first place – Rev. 12:11

- ❖ Days before Jesus will be crucified, they throw a dinner for Him ...
 - Simon the Leper – had been a leper, but now healed b/c has a house and has guests in it...
 - Martha – one who served yet not always at His feet
 - Mary – one who ministered to the Lord at foot-level...
 - Lazarus – the one who had been dead

➔WHO ARE YOU WILLING TO DINE WITH?

- ❖ Lazarus – the one who had been the Jewish traditional time to call the death of 4 days
 - the one they had wrapped and hired the mourners for...
 - the one they had called a lost case...
 - the one they deemed not suitable to be in his presence because of the stench of his condition...

- BUT, he is also the one that Jesus brought back to life with His Words...

3 of the Phases of Lazarus

- LAZARUS 1.0 – dead, wrapped, laid, and closed in...
- LAZARUS 2.0 – raised, life in him
 - Has already experienced death
 - Has already seen the power of the Word of God
 - Has already gone further than anyone thought he would...
- LAZARUS 3.0 – sitting with Jesus...
 - Why wasn't he serving?
 - Why wasn't he worshipping?
 - Why is he placed in a position to be seen when Jesus is there?

FOLK THERE NOT JUST TO SEE JESUS... - vs. 9

- ❖ They heard what Jesus had done with Lazarus but wanted to see it for themselves...
- ❖ They wanted to see how a dead man could be brought back to life and sitting at the table with Jesus...
 - WHAT DOES THE WORLD NEED TO SEE IN US?
 - How we who were dead in sin have been brought back to life and are at the table with Jesus... Eph. 2:1; Eph. 2:4-6; 1 Pet. 2:9

NOT ONLY DID THEY WANT TO KILL JESUS BUT ALSO THE MANIFESTATION OF HIS POWER IN THE EARTH – LAZARUS – Vs. 10-11

- ❖ Death had no power over him...
 - He'd already been dead and seen Jesus bring him back to life... Phil. 1:20-21

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ❖ **Learn to embrace what God has done in your life...**
2Ti 1:8-9 KJV Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; (9) Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
- ❖ **If He delivered me, He can keep you...**
Psa 23:5 KJV Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- ❖ **God gave you an audience so they could see Him glorified in you... - vs. 11**