

Bible/College Class Notes – Dishonesty – Lesson 16

Opposition To Jesus – Dishonesty

This week we learn how dishonesty in our hearts can be replaced by truth & sincerity.

**‘Create in me a clean heart,
O God’. Psalm 51 v10**

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Mark 11v1-11,15-19 (My House made a den of thieves)	
Monday	Mark 14v1,2,10-21 (One of you will betray Me)	
Tuesday	Mark 14v43-65 (Judas’ false kiss of ‘friendship’)	
Wednesday	Mark 15v1-20 (Barabbas preferred to Christ)	
Thursday	Mark 15v21-33 (Christ crucified with transgressors)	
Friday	Mark 15v34-47 (Truly, this Man was the Son of God)	
Saturday	Mark 12v28-40 (One Scribe believed and was saved)	

Important Lesson for us today:

Dishonesty – As fallen sinners we are prone to lie, the truth is not naturally in us.

We lie to get out of trouble, we exaggerate to impress others, we deceive ourselves by being convinced that we are good – especially good enough to please God, and so be allowed into Eternal Heaven. We listen to the lies of Satan, (the father of lies), and would seem to prefer to follow him than come in repentance and obedient faith to God.

Let us follow David’s example in Psalm 51, when he had to admit to Nathan, and to God, the terrible sin he had committed, and sincerely pray, **‘Create in me a clean heart, O God’.**

Hymn 254 - My song is love unknown (beyond words). Can we sing it faithfully?

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| <p>3. Sometimes they strew his way,
And His sweet praises sing:
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then ‘Crucify!’
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.</p> | <p>6. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend
In Whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.</p> |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Jesus Exposes the Dishonesty of the Scribes and Pharisees.

- **The Lord Jesus Voluntarily Approaches Jerusalem & Calvary’s Cross.**
 - The Lord rides into Jerusalem on the untrained colt of an ass (a donkey).
 - The crowd shout **“Hosanna; Blessed is He that comes in the Name of The Lord”.**
- **The Scribes & Pharisees Cheat the People in the Temple.**
 - The Lord enters the Temple, and is angered to find them selling to the people (for large profits), birds and animals for them to sacrifice, as well as changing their Roman money for ‘Temple Money’ at grossly inflated rates.
 - Using His Divine power, and demonstrating His Holy Judgement, He turns them out - **“You have made My House of Prayer into a Den of thieves.”**
 - The Scribes and Pharisee evilly plot how they might take Him and kill Him.
- **They Paid Judas 30 Pieces of Silver to Betray Jesus.**
 - Judas, in the darkness, betrays Jesus with a ‘friendly kiss’ on His cheek.
 - The Lord Jesus allows Himself to be taken by the Temple Soldiers.
- **The Scribes and Pharisees Stir Up Opposition to Jesus.**
 - Using ‘dirty’ tricks – In the quiet of the night, a false accusation is made using false witnesses, pressurising Pilate, and encouraging the people to shout, **‘Crucify Him, Crucify Him’**, and call out, **‘Release Barabbas’.**
- **The Scribes and Pharisees Mock Jesus On The Cross.**
 - Pilate sent Jesus to be crucified. The Religious Leaders mock Him, **“Save Thyself, come down”, “He saved others BUT He cannot save Himself”.**
 - Obviously, they did not understand any of the OT Prophesies (e.g. **Isaiah 53**) of a ‘Lamb’ being slain to be punished for the sin of the people.
 - They had not understood the significance of The Passover Lamb. **Exodus 12**
 - They mis-understood all the types of the OT offerings and Temple worship.
 - They refused to look to Jesus Christ as their Lord, and Saviour.
- **One, True Seeking Scribe – See Mark 12 v28-34**
 - The Lord said of this man, **“Thou art not far from the Kingdom of Heaven”,** meaning, **“You are sincerely seeking Me, and will find Me”**
 - The Lord was kindly showing him that his pride, unbelief, dishonesty, hatred, murder, and selfishness would be laid on Him, on the Cross of Calvary, so he could be forgiven, and so have eternal peace with God in Heaven.

Are we seeking to know the Lord Jesus Christ as our Personal Saviour?

Pray to Him now and seek His forgiveness for your sin. Believe He died for you.

The Lord God promises to save us by giving us a new, clean, heart - **“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh”.** Ezekiel 36 v26