

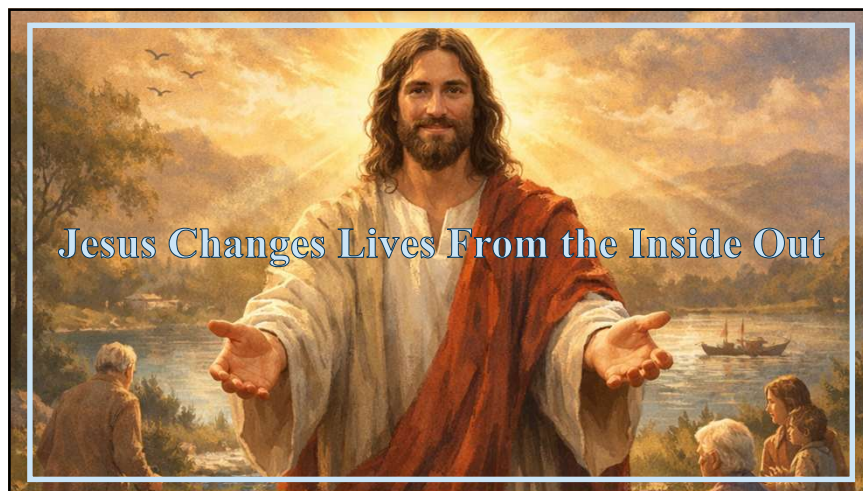


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Big Idea

Jesus is the One we are all looking for - He alone heals, restores, rescues, and satisfies, and His kingdom is open to all who trust Him.

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Jesus Changes Lives From the Inside Out

- Jesus cares more about the heart than outward appearance.
- 11 ***“What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.” (Matthew 15:11 ESV)***
- Religious traditions cannot replace true obedience – Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for elevating tradition over God’s Word. (“For the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.”)

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- Jesus exposes hypocrisy so He can heal it (“Greek word: actor... Jesus isn’t a fan of spiritual hypocrisy.”)

7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: (Matthew 15:7 ESV)

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Jesus Changes Lives From the Inside Out

- The heart is the source of our struggles (“Majority of the sins he listed are relational sins.”)

19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. (Matthew 15:19 ESV)

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Jesus Changes Lives From the Inside Out

- Jesus invites us to bring our broken hearts to Him (“How’s your heart? Broken? Tired? Lonely? Covered in shame?”)

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:1-3 ESV)

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Jesus Welcomes All People, Even the Outsider

- Jesus responds to a desperate Canaanite mother who cries, “Lord, help me!” (“She recognized Jesus as LORD!!!”)
- Her faith is tested but proven genuine. (“A faith that hasn’t been tested cannot be trusted.”)
(Matthew 15:25 – 28)

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25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” 28 Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.[a] (Matthew 15:25 – 28 ESV)

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- Jesus heals beyond Israel
 - He heals the nations
 - He heals the lame, blind, crippled among Gentiles
- (Matthew 15:29–31)

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29 Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. 30 And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, 31 so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel. (Matthew 15:29–31 ESV)

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Jesus Welcomes All People, Even the Outsider

- Jesus feeds the 4,000 to show His kingdom has no borders (“He is not just for the Jews... God’s kingdom has no favorites.”)
- The disciples must learn to love those unlike themselves (“You are fishers of ALL people... How uncomfortable are you willing to be?”)

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- Jesus has compassion on weary people (“Compassion is not something you feel, it is something you have.”)
32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.” (Matthew 15:32 ESV)

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Jesus Provides What We Need and Calls Us to Remember His Faithfulness

- Jesus provides abundantly, not barely.
37 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. (Matthew 15:37 ESV)
- The disciples forget God’s past faithfulness.
9 Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? 10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? (Matthew 16:9–10 ESV)

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Jesus Provides What We Need and Calls Us to Remember His Faithfulness

- Jesus warns against the “leaven” of false teaching (“Leaven... starts small, works invisibly, transforms everything it touches.”)
- Jesus calls His followers to recognize who He truly is leading to Peter’s confession (“Jesus is who everyone is looking for.”)

16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:16 ESV)

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Practical Applications

- Let Jesus tend to your heart each day – Bring Him your worries, loneliness, or regrets.
- Release old hurts & forgive freely.
- Remember God’s faithfulness in your past – Look back and see “the hand of God” in both “happy & hard.”
- Welcome people who are different from you – Pray for a heart like Jesus toward outsiders.

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Practical Applications

- Guard your mind from negative influences.
- Trust Jesus to provide what you need today – He fed thousands; He can sustain you in this season of life.

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Discussion Questions

- Where have you seen Jesus change your heart?
- Why do you think Jesus praised the faith of the Canaanite woman?
- What helps you “remember to remember” God’s faithfulness?
- How can we welcome & love people who are different from us?
- What “leaven” (small influence) do you need to remove from your life?

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