

# JESUS

## 10. TRADITION CRASHER: Why the Religious Leaders Hated Jesus

### STUDY AHEAD

*“He who hates Me hates My Father as well. If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both Me and My Father. But this is to fulfill what was written in their LAW: ‘They hated Me without a cause’” (John 15:23-25)*

The 4 gospels give many examples that showed how Jesus, God’s Son was on earth to display the true heart of God to the world. In doing so, He had completely exposed and crashed through the religious system of the Jewish leaders. This caused anger, hatred, jealousy, vengeance, and ultimately killing Jesus. Study the examples in preparation for the message on ‘Tradition Crasher’.

#### **1. Jesus crossed their lines.**

- Matthew 9:9-13 Jesus spent time with tax-collectors and sinners.
- Luke 10:25-37 Jesus made a Samaritan the hero in His parable.
- *How does the love of Jesus toward societal outcasts impact you?*
- *What types of people are you prejudiced toward today?*

#### **2. Jesus rejected their male arrogance.**

- Luke 7:36-50 The woman who came to Simon’s house.
- Luke 13:10-17 A woman healed in the synagogue on Sabbath.
- Luke 8:1-3 The women disciples of Jesus.
- *Women were viewed as objects, not equal to men. How did Jesus raise their value?*
- *Who seems to have supported the disciples most?*

#### **3. Jesus nullified their traditions.**

- Mark 7:1-13 (esp.vv.8,9).
- Mark 2:23-28 and 3:1-6 (note esp. v.6).
- *What freedoms did Jesus demonstrate?*
- *What did He accuse the leaders of? How did they react?*
- *What did Jesus say was the original purpose of the Sabbath?*
- *For Sabbath’s original intent read: God in creation-Gen 2:3; Moses & the Israelites after Egypt-Exodus 16:23-30; The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment-Deut. 5:12-15*

#### **4. Jesus rebuked their hearts.**

- Matthew 12:22-29 Over their claim He was empowered by Satan.
- Matthew 12:30-32 He warned them of the ‘unforgivable sin.’
- Matthew 12:33-37 He called them a brood of vipers!
- Matthew 12:38-42 Over their desire for more miracles.
- *What miracle had Jesus just done that caused Him to be accused of working for Satan?*
- *V.25 says “Jesus knew their thoughts”, so what did Jesus explain about their faulty reasoning?*
- *Who did Jesus declare was empowering Him, v.28?*
- *So, what can we conclude about ‘the unforgivable sin?’*
- *Where did their viper-like words come from? What warning did Jesus give to us all, v.35,36?*

#### **5. Jesus stirred their envy.**

- John 11:38-48 Raising Lazarus from the dead
- Matt. 21:8-11; John 12:17-19; Receiving praise as the Messianic Son of David during the Triumphal Entry
- Ultimately, they delivered Him up because of envy (Mt 27:17,18)
- *What were they most envious about?*
- *Who knew why the Jewish leaders were trying to kill Jesus?*

#### **6. Jesus claimed to be their God!**

- John 5:16-18 Jesus called God “His own Father.”
- John 8:55-59 Jesus claimed to be “I AM” who spoke to Moses.
- John 10:30-33 Jesus claimed to be One with the Father.
- *What angered the leaders most about Jesus’ claims?*
- *Why do you think they could not accept Jesus claims to be God?*
- *Do you? Yes/no? Explain your answer.*

**Summary:** This study ahead quoted John 15:23-25.

*“They hated Jesus without a cause.”*

- Read these verses right beforehand: (John 15:18-22).
- *What did Jesus warn His disciples of?*