

the Venues

Go Deep

Putting Women in Their Place
“Jesus & Women – Moving On Up”
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What was your favorite childhood toy?

What reaction do you have when you hear the word “feminist”?

I am one.

I have The Feminist Mystique on my night stand.

Get over it.

Don't like it at all.

The question of the teaching is: “Was Jesus a Feminist?”

1. *No matter what else you say about Jesus, we can say he is a subversive.*

Google subversive. Based on the definition, is Jesus a subversive?

What evidence do you see of him as a subversive? Take a look at Luke 1:52-53.

“For women and other oppressed people, Jesus turned upside down the accepted wisdom of his day. According to biblical scholar Walter Wink, Jesus violated the mores of his time in every single encounter with women recorded in the four Gospels.” Philip Yancey, The Jesus I Never Knew

2. *How did Jesus subvert the culture's view and treatment of women?*

What does Leviticus 12:1,5 tell us about the view and status of women verses men?

Read Luke 11:27-28. What do we learn of Jesus' view of motherhood from this event?

How important in our culture is it for a woman to be a mother?

Read Luke 10:41-42 in light of these words from a 1st century Rabbi, “Rather should the words of the Torah be burned than entrusted to a woman ...Whoever teaches his daughter the Torah is like one who teaches her lasciviousness.”

How is Jesus subverting this cultural standard?

Read John 4:9 and John 4:27 in light of these words from a 1st century Rabbi, “He who talks with a woman [in public] brings evil upon himself.” “One is not so much as to greet a woman.”

Why would talking to a woman in public be so taboo?

Why would Jesus be so willing to risk his reputation?

Women were seen as the property of men - of either their father or their husband. Adultery was even a crime of property rights.

How does our culture still treat women as property? What wedding traditions imply that view?

“No one has more respect for women than I do” has been used a lot lately.

Can you hear Jesus saying that in his day?

Can we say that about ourselves?

As followers of Jesus, what did you learn in this study about how to treat women?

So, what do you think, Was Jesus a feminist?