

"Four Facets Of Jesus"

Session Three:

"Jesus The Advocate"

I) Introduction

- A) I personally value "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" as He is revealed in the Bible. This means I don't just love only one facet of Jesus (love), but we value the many facets of Jesus that are clearly seen throughout the scriptures (judge, prophet).
- B) In our current series I have covered "Jesus The Bridegroom" and "Jesus The Healer" and today I will be covering "Jesus The Advocate." The ministry of Jesus as The Advocate is a powerful facet of who He is and I believe it will connect with you in a deep way this morning.

II) What Is An Advocate?

- A) Merriam Webster's dictionary defines the word Advocate as;
 - 1) *One that pleads the cause of another, specifically one that pleads the cause of another before a judge or courtroom. One that defends or maintains the cause or proposal or one who supports or promotes the interest of others.*
- B) **1st John 2:1** *"My little children, these things I write to, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."*
- C) An Advocate according to both the Bible and the dictionary is a Person (Jesus Christ) who pleads our cause before God (judge, courtroom) and defends the interests of others.
- D) Jesus is the great Advocate of the human race, who physically stepped onto planet earth to take our place before the Father on the Cross. Now, Jesus makes intercession (prayer) to the Father on our behalf. Beloved, you Creator, who possesses all power is praying for you!
 - 1) **Romans 8:34** *"...It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God who also makes intercession (mediator, someone who stands in-between two parties) for us."*

III) Jesus Earthly Ministry As An Advocate.

- A) **John 8:3-11** *"Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act. Now, Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do you say...So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first...Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the women standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the women, He said to her, woman, where are those accusers of yours?"*

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Has no one condemned you? She said , no one, Lord. And Jesus said to her, neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more..."

- B) There are three main things I see happening in the life of this women as she encounters Jesus The Advocate;
- 1) Religious people struggle to handle the sin of others in compassionate ways and often lack a resolution other than punishment **(John 8:3-7) (Power-point)**
 - (i) John 8:3-7 *"Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a women caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act. Now, Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do you say...So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first..."*
 - (ii) If you have been abused, mistreated or rejected at the hands of Christians, I apologize and if it was me, I really apologize. Christians often misrepresent Jesus in ways that stain the Church publicly. Were guilty of mishandling both our sin and the sin of others.
 - (iii) Jesus The Advocate, always has a plan to both deal with sin, and love broken people.
 - 2) There's no crowd/situation to big for Jesus the Advocate **(John 8:8-10) (Power-point).**
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 - (ii) Jesus the Advocate isn't intimidated by any sin, situation or surrounding. He loves to get into the middle of our world. Often it's not until later in our dilemma that we notice, Jesus is the only One left still standing with us.
 - (iii) We too, just like the women must learn to allow Jesus to fight for us and stand in the middle of both our sin and our circumstances.
 - 3) Jesus the Advocate loves us by always telling us the truth **(John 8:11) (power-point).**
 - (i) **John 8:11** *where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you? She said , no one, Lord. And Jesus said to her, neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more..."*
 - (ii) Jesus The Advocate finds this women in terrible shape, humiliated, close to death, possibly half naked and thrown into the middle of a group of religious leaders. (she was caught in middle of having sex).

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- (iii) **John 1:17** *For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*
 - (iv) Beloved, Jesus is our Advocate when we stumble, but Jesus is not Our Advocate empowering us to continue in a lifestyle of sin and compromise.
 - (v) I see many Christians on Facebook and social media outlets venting and talking about their lives of immorality and how it's okay because they love God and "struggle."
 - (vi) **Titus 2:11-15** *"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...speak these things, exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you."*
 - (vii) **Romans 6:13** *"And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."*
- C) Jesus is our Advocate before the Father, pleading our case, but this shouldn't empower us to live in sin, but rather free from sin, though we still struggle with sin.