

TURNING THE TABLES #3

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Def: *“turning the tables”* - If you turn the tables on someone or some situation, you change the situation completely, so that someone or something loses its advantage and you gain the advantage. The dynamic of the relationship or situation is flipped.

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” John 8:1-11 NIV

A WOMAN WHO IS _____.

A GROUP OF MEN WHO ARE _____.

A CROWD OF PEOPLE _____.

GOD’S MAN _____.

EVERYONE _____.

“A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.” Matthew 12:35 NIV

“When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.” - Edmund Burke

THE GOD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS & JUSTICE

“The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.” Psalm 33:5 NIV

“For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel and the men of Judah His delightful plant. Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.” Isaiah 5:7 NASB

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:18-21 NIV

GOD’S MAN _____.

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“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.” Eph. 5:1 NASB

MISSION BRIEFING: "AS YOU GO..."

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. "As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near' ...Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give...I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." Matthew 10:1, 7-8, 16 NIV

JESUS GIVES US _____ . (authority)

JESUS GIVES US _____ . (proclaim)

JESUS GIVES US _____ (sick, dead, lepers, demonized)

JESUS GIVES US _____ .(to heal, raise, cleanse, cast out)

JESUS GIVES US _____ . (freely received, freely give)

JESUS GIVES US _____ . (sheep among wolves)

JESUS GIVES US _____ . (be shrewd, be innocent)

TURNING THE TABLES MEANS TAKING THE HITS

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name." 1 Peter 4:12-16 NIV

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHAT WORD COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU SEE JESUS STAND UP TO THE MOB?

HOW DID JESUS TURN THE TABLES ON THE SITUATION? HOW IS THAT A MODEL?

HOW DOES WHO GOD IS DIRECTLY SHAPE HOW WE RESPOND TO ALL INJUSTICES?

WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT WHEN WE "MOVE OUT" TO MINISTER IN JESUS NAME?

HOW CAN PRACTICALLY APPLY TODAY'S STUDY IN YOUR WORLD?

