

MESSAGE NOTES

SERIES: EASTER IF'S – WEEK 3

MESSAGE: "A LITTLE EXTREME?"

03.23.25

MARK 9:43-48

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell with two hands. If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It's better to enter eternal life with only one foot than to be thrown into hell with two feet. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It's better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 'where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.'" MARK 9:43-48

HYPERBOLE – To draw attention through extreme exaggeration or an intentional overstatement; not meant to be taken literally

THE HEINOUS NATURE OF SIN – Jesus' purpose in saying, hyperbolically, that sinners should pluck their eyes out or cut off their hands or feet is to magnify in His hearer's minds that...

- God takes sin _____
Jesus _____ people of hell because He doesn't _____ anyone to go there
"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." ROM 6:23
- Enough to _____ His only Son to _____ it
"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us." 1 JOHN 3:16
- The result of sin is _____
– spiritual, emotional, relational, and physical
"When sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death." JAS 1:15b
- That means we should take sin _____ too
Jesus' words are a _____ to address _____
is causing you to sin
"If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth." 1 JOHN 1:8

- We should be prepared to take _____
to eradicate sin from our lives

It's not just the physical _____ of sinning, but also understanding what causes us to _____

"I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." MATT 5:28

[JESUS] *"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me."* MATT 16:24

- We should _____ our hearts and mind
"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." PROV 4:23
God doesn't _____ people to hell
"And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, 'God is tempting me.' God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions." JAS 1:13-15a
People _____ it
"So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world." COL 3:5
"The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way." MATT 7:13
- Jesus wants to _____ from our sin
"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." LUKE 19:10
From the _____ of sin
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