

“40 Days of Convincing Proofs:
Love the Disenfranchised”
Pastor Jeff Hatcher – April 8, 2012

Matt 25:31-40

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Acts 1:3

After his suffering, [Jesus] showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.

Disenfranchised: the marginalized, those deprived of power

1. **JESUS HAS A HEART FOR THE POOR, SICK & HANDICAPPED**

Luke 14:12-14 (poor, crippled, lame & blind)

Matt 8:1-4 (leper)

2. **JESUS HAS A HEART FOR WOMEN**

1st resurrection witnesses: Matt 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20

3. **JESUS HAS A HEART FOR SINNERS**

John 8: (woman caught in adultery)

Matt 21:31-32 (tax collectors & prostitutes)

4. **JESUS HAS A HEART FOR THE LOST**

Luke 15: (Lost trilogy: Sheep, Coin, & Son)

CONCLUSION:

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