

“JESUS NEVER SCARED ANYBODY”



True....

He never scared tax collectors and sinners.

He didn't scare the Woman at the Well.

He didn't scare the woman who washed his feet with her tears.

But Jesus did have some scary words for his disciples.

"You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire."

Matthew 5

"If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell."

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"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear him!"

Luke 12



Jesus brings us the good news of the Kingdom of God.

He opens the door to all who thirst for his Living Water.

He heals the sick
He opens blind eyes.
He frees the captives.
He raises the dead.
He gives us a new start.



But Jesus also tells us how God's universe works.

His cross offers grace for all.

New life for all...so long as we walk in that grace and live the forgiveness of the cross.

If we show no mercy, we shut ourselves out of God's mercy.



And that's scary!

Meanwhile, Jesus invites us to come to him and receive his Living Water.

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let him who hears say, "Come." And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price.

Revelation 22

Prayer: Yes Lord, it is scary to think we can choose to shut ourselves off from your mercy because of our own cold hearts. If we aren't scared about that potential, help us to be scared about it. Help us to hear you and to come and receive the water of life from you and continue receiving new life each day as we walk in your grace, extending it to all whom we encounter, pouring the mercy and compassion into others that you have extended to us. Amen.

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