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CROSS



1) Insults From His Enemies

" The Pharisees who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them,

"you are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."

Luke 16:14-15 Pg. 741



..... Weymouth Translation

"And they bitterly taunted Him."

..... New American Standard Version
plus 3 different translations

"And they were scoffing at Him."





..... More Translations

"And they began to ridicule Him."

" And turn their noses up at Him."

"They rolled their eyes at Him."

"They were sneering at Jesus."

When the Bible says "they derided Him" (KJV),

these Pharisees were:

a) verbally scoffing, taunting bitterly, ridiculing

b) with their body language, rolled their eyes,

turned their noses up, sneering



2) The Results of the Good Life

Some say the living out of the good life will

- a) shut the mouth of every critic?
- b) close the eye of every faultfinder?:

No, no a thousand times NO



The Proof is in the Pudding

"The centuries have pretty largely buried the petty murmuring of the Pharisees." Paul S. Rees

Jesus is still willing to bend low enough to touch and transform the most sin-contaminated person.



3) Turning Truth inside out Luke 23:5 Pg. 747

- "stirring up the people"

Jesus is viewed as a bothersome agitator. In reality, the critics were expressing their own cries of wounded pride and fear of losing their own positions of political oversight.



4) Living the Life of Truth

Matthew 23:13 Pg. 700

Jesus will never turn a blind eye at sin. Jesus always unmasks sin in both high and low places.





The Evidence of History

"In 1861 a great religious denomination, facing the issue of human slavery, declared officially "its deep conviction of the divine appointment of domestic servitude" and of "the peculiar mission of the church to conserve the institution of slavery"

What's With the Free? ...



5) Living the Life of Purity

Performance vs. Purity Mark 2:7 Pg. 708

External rights or internal righteousness?

"If Jesus is not God, then I am an idolater; if He is God, then the man who denies it is a liar"

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan





