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INTRO: LESSON demands 3 definitions and 1 Question Answered:

A. THREE DEFINITIONS:

1. JESUS - Matt. 16:13-18. SON OF GOD, Savior, King and Final Judge.
2. FRIEND- One who knows all about you and still loves you!
3. SINNERS- I John 3:4. TRANSGRESSORS OF GOD'S LAW. Romans 3:23. +
James 4:17. Willful procrastinators. Know better. -

B. SOME VITAL DISTINCTIONS:

1. Jesus NEVER loved Satan, Sin nor any Unrightousness.
2. Jesus ALWAYS loved the Sinner. John 3:16. • Rom. 5:1-2;6;8-11.
3. Jesus NEVER compromised with sin nor the sinner. No "go along to get along" idea.
4. Jesus NEVER refused to HELP a sinner turn to God and abandon sin.
(Naturally demanded 'association', but not 'fellowship' until on same side.)
5. Jesus Commissioned His Disciples to DEAL with sinners, as He did.
Matt. 5:13-14. Be a LIGHT strong and bright! Be SALT strong and brave. Not
John 17:15. of!

C. OLD ADAGE: "THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE _____" Tasting.

1. Jesus tasted the Pudding by time and again confronting sin - kindly in love. /Won !!!!

a. JOHN 3:1-16. A CURIOUS AND SPIRITUAL PHARISEE OF THE JEWS.

Could have "nailed" him. • Matt. 23:13-15; 37-38.

INSTEAD: Spoke of hope and eternal glory. John 3:3-5.

- (1. As Christians, we can also welcome sinners to share the Greatest Story ever Told prepare for the eternal joy of Heaven

b. JOHN 4:1-42. A CURIOUS AND MISTAKEN PAGAN WOMAN OF SAMARIA.

Could have "nailed" this Pagan to the wall - and did in a sly and kindly way. • Vs. V. 21-24

Woman, a poor judge of men. 5 Poor judge of Religions. Ugly and argumentative, Soured on world, esp. men!

JESUS spoke of "Living Water", Hope, Forgiveness and eternal glory!

- (2. As Christians, we can compare our "Religion" kindly with all others. Best to JUST OFFER IT...rather than argue it.

c. JOHN 8:1-12. A SORROWFUL SEXUAL SINNER who awaited rescue.

WOMAN'S PLIGHT: Marriage, home-family or Prostitution!

NO outside work for salaried women. Terrible social situation,

Mean Jewish leaders wanted to banish her and Jesus at the same time.

Knew couldn't stone her because of the Romans, ACCUSERS vanished in the light of TRUTH and MERCY.

JESUS: SPOKE to her of Forgiveness, Hope and Purity of life. NONE had qualified to CONDEMN AND PUNISH HER. V. V. 11-12.

- (1. As Christians: we can show sinners THE BETTER WAY and offer them Forgiveness and Redemption through the Gospel.

Ill. FIRST CHOICE. (Salvation Army rescue home for drug addicted women. All have children- most out of wedlock, Chloe Carter & Dana Sager leading them by the tens to Baptism and Reformation of Life.

INV. Solution to Sin??? Simple! • Matt. 16:24-27