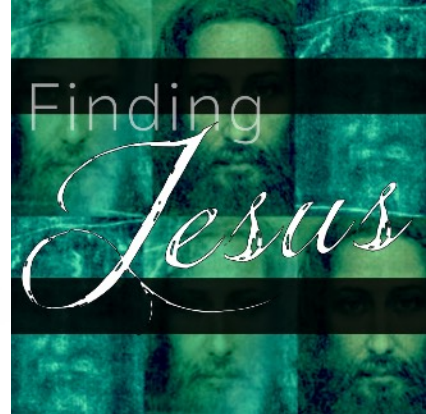


“Angry Jesus”



Getting Started

Which of the following situations are most likely to make you angry and why does it make you so angry?

Someone texting at a stop light after the light goes green

Calling a customer service line and trying to press the right buttons to talk to an actual person.

Slow wifi

Bad traffic

Frozen computers

GPS leading you to the wrong place

Other _____

When was the last time you got truly angry?

Going Deeper

Jesus was familiar with the emotion of anger. Take a moment to read the following passages that put Jesus anger on display. What are the issues that made Jesus angry?

[John 2:13-17](#)

[Mark 3:1-6](#)

[Luke 11:37-46](#)

Take a moment to read and discuss the following statement:

I don't think the problem is that we have anger issues.

I think the problem is that we have anger with the wrong issues.

Do you think that, in general, Christians are angry about the wrong things?

Read and discuss the following quote by Anne Lamott.

“You can safely assume you’ve created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.”

Would you agree with the following statement?

If you asked me today what are ten things I’m angry about, I could rattle them off rapid fire. I know what makes me mad. This list, however, is not necessarily what should make me mad.

[Luke 11](#) shows us four issues that caused Jesus to be angry. Take a moment to discuss them.

1. People who are more concerned with looking good than doing good. [Luke 11:37-40](#)
2. Abuse and neglect of the poor. [Luke 11:41](#)
3. Injustice for those who can’t fight for themselves. [Luke 11:42-44](#)
4. Making it difficult for people to follow God by focusing on rules not relationship. [Luke 11:45,46](#)

Which of the items on that list causes you the most anger?

Which of those on the list would you say, if you were being honest, doesn’t really ever seem to bother you?

God allows us to feel angry for a reason. Take a moment to read [Ephesians 4:26,27](#) and talk about what God wants us to do with that anger.

The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything — Albert Einstein.

Do you feel that God is rising inside an anger in you so that you can make a difference?

