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JESUS

Week 6



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Philippians 3:10a AMPC

<sup>10</sup> [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly],



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I would like to introduce you to  
the shrewdness of Jesus.



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**Shrewd**

*adjective [-er/-est only]*

*able to judge a situation accurately based on a clear understanding and good judgment and turn it to your own advantage:*



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I. A very strange command.

Matthew 10:16 NIV

<sup>16</sup> “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves”.



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Basically, Jesus is telling us to be  
as pure and holy as the Spirit and as  
shrewd as Satan.



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II. The shrewdness of Jesus on **display**.

Matthew 22:15-22 NLT

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. <sup>16</sup> They sent some



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of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. “Teacher,” they said, “we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don’t play favorites. <sup>17</sup> Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”



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<sup>18</sup> But Jesus knew their evil motives. “You hypocrites!” he said. “Why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Here, show me the coin used for the tax.” When they handed him a Roman coin, <sup>20</sup> he asked, “Whose picture and title are stamped on it?”



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<sup>21</sup> “Caesar’s,” they replied.

“Well, then,” he said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.”

<sup>22</sup> His reply amazed them, and they went away.



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Matthew 21:23-27 NLT

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus returned to the Temple and began teaching, the leading priests and elders came up to him. They demanded, “By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?”



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<sup>24</sup> “I’ll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question,” Jesus replied. <sup>25</sup> “Did John’s authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?”



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They talked it over among themselves. “If we say it was from heaven, he will ask us why we didn’t believe John. <sup>26</sup> But if we say it was merely human, we’ll be mobbed because the people believe John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup> So they finally replied, “We don’t know.”



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And Jesus responded, “Then I won’t tell you by what authority I do these things”.



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III. The shrewdness of Jesus to capture a heart.



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John 4:7-26 NLT

<sup>7</sup> Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.



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<sup>9</sup>The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?”



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<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”



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<sup>11</sup> “But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”



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<sup>13</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again.<sup>14</sup> But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”



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<sup>15</sup> “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”



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<sup>16</sup> “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her.

<sup>17</sup> “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied.



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Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband— <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!”



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<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet. <sup>20</sup> So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?”



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<sup>21</sup> Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him,



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for salvation comes through the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. <sup>24</sup> For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”



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<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus told her, “I am the Messiah!”



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Mark 10:17-27 NLT

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”



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<sup>18</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good. <sup>19</sup> But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’”



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<sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”



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<sup>21</sup> Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”



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<sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> This amazed them.



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But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. <sup>25</sup> In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”



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<sup>26</sup> The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked.

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.”



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IV . How would Jesus have me be **spirit**  
**like** and **snake like** today?



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Luke 16:1-9 NIV

<sup>16</sup> Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’”



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<sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’



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<sup>5</sup> “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

<sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.



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“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’



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7 “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’



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<sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the



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people of the light. <sup>9</sup>I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.



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If we pursued the Kingdom of God with the same vigor and zeal that the "people of this world" pursue profits and pleasure, we would live in an entirely different world.



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