

MAY 5, 2019

ON TAP
Matt. 18

INTERESTING:

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The closest we get is Luke 4:22; 6:32-36

INSTEAD:

Jesus is the _____ of grace.
John 1:14; 1 John 1:1-4; Titus 2:11-13

IN REFLECTION:

1. Grace _____, but it is _____.
Rom. 5:1-11; Titus 2:14; Luke 23:3

2. We are good at _____ on grace. We are even better at _____ it.
See the difficulty of Matt. 5:38-48; Eph. 4:29-31; Col. 4:5-6; 2 Cor. 6:1

3. We are prone to share a _____ version of grace. In contrast, 1 Pet. 4:8-11; Col. 3:12-14

4. The _____ of grace is preceded by an _____ of _____. Ex. 34:6; Num. 14:18; Neh. 9:31; Ps. 86:5; Joel 2:13; Matt. 18:15-35; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Eph. 2

5. “_____ and _____ what this means...”
Matt. 5:7; 6:7-15; 9:9-13; 12:1-8; 18:15-35; 23:23; Mic. 6:8

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What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What is fascinating about the lack of Jesus' words on grace?

In what ways do you see Jesus as the embodiment of grace? How can our common definition of grace as “unmerited favor” be expanded in light of how Jesus embodies grace and teaches about mercy?

Feel free to re-watch the video shown during the sermon at <https://vimeo.com/144046520> . Discuss how this video relates to the idea of God's grace and its role in our lives.

In what ways do you hypocritically struggle to dispense mercy and compassion? Think of “minor” and “major” ways.

How can continually returning to God's grace change how you think, speak, and act towards others?

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