

4. The Lord made Himself the servant of all. The passage in Luke 22 is the great passage and may be tied to John 13 (the supper). He did not live selfishly for Himself and gave the bulk of His life, time and energy to others. This is a view of social responsibility that is rarely seen and never so perfectly seen as in the Lord.

III. Conclusion: The Lord's public life is well known in the Gospels and it is the picture of responsible citizenship on all sides of life. If we model ourselves after Him we will be effective in testimony, societal issues, and civic affairs. The Lord was no hermit and a careful study of His movements in the society about Him is very rewarding. Our aim also should be....to be a responsible citizen living in this world for the glory of God and looking forward to what God will do in time to come.

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MESSAGE # 3: HE IS THE ONE WHO PUBLICLY LIVED AS A FRIEND TO SINNERS

Biblical passage: Luke 19:1 ff

I. Introduction to the Study

It was a charge that His enemies hurled against Him: He was a friend to sinners...He ate with publicans...He touched the unclean. All of this He did publicly and made no apology for His actions. His mission was to seek and to save the lost and that certainly described the people called "sinners: by the self-righteous lot. We know that all men are sinners but the term as used here describes those who were under public scrutiny for one sort of offense or irritation or another. In being a friend to this company the Lord also brought salvation and grace... they were able to enter the kingdom by His redemptive love. In this He is very much an example for us....for in our day it is very fashionable to shun those whose life styles plainly mark them as "sinners" and yet, their only hope is to come to know the Lord and we may encourage them in that by being what He was...friends to sinners.

II. Discussion: