

Carol Sermon #19 – Mary Did You Know?

Exodus 3:14

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Sermon Sketch: Mark Lowry is a little bit bonkers, a singer and Christian comedian. From his wonderful heart and slightly off kilter brain came this exceedingly profound carol from the mid 80's

- 1) How have you sought to grow in your fear of the LORD and in your passion to obey Jesus in this past week? (Isaiah 50 – Obeying the Words of Jesus)
- 2) What are some of your favorite Christmas Carols? How soon before the holidays do you begin to listen to Christmas music?
- 3) Have you ever pictured yourself as one of the disciples in the boat (Matthew 14, Mark 6 and John 6) seeing Jesus walk on water? Can you imagine the shock of seeing such a thing?
- 4) What were some of the ways that you experienced Jesus making you new (2 Cor. 5:17) when you were first saved?
- 5) Romans 3:23 was quoted to give perspective to concerns about Mary needing to be “delivered” from her sins? What other verses of Scripture would you turn to for further confirmation of this understanding? How do Psalm 143:2, Isaiah 53:6 and Romans 3:9-10 inform this discussion?
- 6) How does the fact that Jesus calmed the storm with a word (Matthew 8, Mark 4, Luke 8) give you confidence that He can calm the storms of your life?
- 7) Kissing the cheek of any baby is an amazing thing. A baby soft skin, their indescribable smell: but can you imagine what it would be to kiss the cheek of God incarnate?
- 8) Matthew 11:5 covered all the experiences summed up in the bridge of the song: when you consider the greatness of all that Jesus manifested in His public ministry how do you reconcile His pronouncement that we would do even greater things (John 14:12)? How is being a witness to Jesus' resurrection (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8) a greater work?
- 9) How meaningful is it to you that the Hebrew word for “to be” (*hayah*) is core to God's covenantal name, “Yahweh”?
- 10) How does saying to yourself repeatedly, “Who I am, is grounded in the Great ‘I AM’ – Jesus” change your life?
- 11) How impactful is it remind yourself of the truths summarized in the “Your Real Identity in Christ” resource?