

## HOW JESUS TREATED PEOPLE

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### A. See the attached chart.

1. Five categories of people Jesus dealt with: Friends (he had circles of influence); seekers; opponents; outcasts and the infirm.
2. Four broad themes from those encounters.
  - a. His dominant call was to faith (Calming the storm; Centurion's servant). He was relentless in his demands (Would-be disciples; a call to a cross – the new method of victory. This leads to the second theme.)
  - b. His kingdom was an upside-down kingdom where the winners became losers and visa-versa (Nicodemus and the Woman at the Well; parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying)
  - c. Compassion – This introduces a new mode of morality. The Sabbath controversies fit under this theme.
  - d. His own identity. The incarnation was such a radical idea that it had to be justified significantly. (See handout on claims to Jesus' deity). Some of the most impressive are forgiving sins of the paralytic and the I AM statements of John.

### B. Objections to Jesus

1. Sabbath controversies and other religious ritual
2. Fraternizing with sinners
3. Blasphemy

### C. Why Jesus Got angry with others

1. Sadducees, cleansing the temple
2. Pharisees, prioritizing ritual over compassion
3. Disciples, not allowing the little children to come to him.