

SEEKING JESUS FOR JUSTICE
(AMOS 5; LUKE 19:28-44)
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Justice Rolls

Biblical justice flows from God's holiness, covenant, and Messiah: JESUS

Amos 5 and Luke 19 show "religious people" who outwardly worship but inwardly reject God's way: JESUS

Systems and Services will not always lead to Jesus; but Seeking Jesus will always bring justice

1. Justice must begin with Seeking JESUS

- Correcting society will not bring justice without first seeking JESUS
- Church alone will not bring justice; Christ alone is justice
- Justice must begin vertically (JESUS) before it can be experienced horizontally (people)
- Seeking Jesus: Humble yourself, Honor God, Holiness in everything, Happy for Heaven
- Justice and righteousness are the fruits and foundation of genuine worship
- Revivals that have transformed society have flowed from repentant hearts, not activism; relationship not religion

2. JESUS is the King who rules with true justice

- Before there can be peace on earth, there must be peace with heaven
- The people wanted political liberation but JESUS came for spiritual freedom
- Spiritual blindness leads to slavery, injustice, and pain
- When JESUS is rejected and not followed, injustice increases!
- A true understanding of JESUS leads to cheering, even from rocks

Biblical justice is NOT: redefining morality, ignoring sin, activism, religion

Biblical justice is: rooted in holiness, expressed in love, grounded in truth, and found in JESUS
Build Your Kingdom Here: Hosanna!

1. Why does God connect “seeking Him” with Justice in Amos 5? How do Psalm 9:7-10 and Hebrews 11:6 provide insight? What are some ways we do religious activity without seeking God’s heart?
2. Read Amos 5:21-23 and Isaiah 58:1-7. How can worship become offensive to God? What are some aspects of worship that we focus on rather than focusing on our relationship with Jesus and His glory? Are there areas of injustice that God is calling you to address personally? If yes, what are your action steps to correcting them?
3. Read Luke 24:25-27 and John 6:15. Why did Israel misunderstand Jesus’ mission in Luke 19? What are some ways that you want Jesus to act that goes against His mission? Do you want Jesus more for who He is or for what He can do for you? Explain.
4. After reading Amos (especially chapter 5), how would you define justice? How does the Bible define justice? How does culture define justice? If Jesus acted according to your definition of justice, how would Luke 19 have been different? Explain. Read Deuteronomy 10:17-19 and James 2:1-9. How do these passages challenge or change your definition? How do you show impartial love?
5. What does it mean that Jesus wept over Jerusalem in Luke 19? Read Romans 9:1-3 and 2 Peter 3:9. What causes you to grieve? Is it only circumstances that affect you or over people that are lost without a Shepherd?
6. How does the cross shape your understanding of justice? What was unjust about Jesus being sent to the cross (hint: there are many things)? Would Jesus have been just if he condemned everyone rather than asked for God to forgive them? Explain. Read Isaiah 53:5-6 and Romans 3:25-26. How does grace and mercy relate concerning justice?
7. What does it look like for you to seek Jesus for justice this week? Read Matthew 25:35-40 and Galatians 6:9-10. Identify one Spirit-led act of righteousness you will pursue this week.