



## **It's Okay not to love Certain People**

**Matthew 11:19; Mark 5:1-20**

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**Key Truth: Expect lost people to act lost!**

**The Lie:** *It's okay to **judge**. It's okay to **condemn**. It's okay to write off, avoid, criticize, dislike, and even hate people whose **lifestyles** repulse you. The more sinful they are, the more it's permissible to **bash** them.*

**The Truth: Hate** is not an option for a Christian, at least not when it comes to other people. We can hate sin, the devil, and the evil and injustice in the world, but we **don't** have the option of hating anyone created in the image of God. The fact that Jesus died for every person, even those whose politics or lifestyles we cannot stand, tells us that we must look at others through **Jesus'** eyes, not our own.

- People without Jesus typically **live** and **act** in ways that are **offensive** to people who know Jesus.
- Getting **angry** with an unbeliever for how he or she acts is no more effective than getting angry with a sick person for showing **symptoms**.

**Key Truth # 1:** *Jesus took time for people who generally assumed they were invisible and off – limits.*

**Key Truth # 2:** *No situation or condition will impede Jesus' approach.*

**Key Truth # 3:** *Jesus will meet you where you are at, love you as you are, and then set you free from all that binds you.*

### **How to Love Others**

**Study** the Bible, **Pray** for them, and **Serve** them.