

# LET'S MAKE THEM HISTORY

Let's Make Injustice History  
Brad Watson

January 18, 2009

## introduction

According to Gary Haugen, President and CEO of International Justice Mission [www.ijm.ca](http://www.ijm.ca), injustice is defined in the Bible as a particular kind of sin. It is about the abuse of power to take from other people the good things that God intended for them - things like their dignity, freedom, even their very lives, basic rights that every human being has been given by God.

The Bible teaches that Jesus can be found in our world today and one of the places He can be found is in the faces of the "least" of these that suffer injustice in our world today. Some Christians might say, "Justice isn't really my thing." According to this week's passage, Jesus would say, "Well then, I'm not your thing either."

Begin by reading Matthew 25:31-46

1. Is there anything that grabs you in this passage? Why?
2. Jesus appears to be teaching a "works righteousness" here - that a person finds themselves in the Kingdom or not based upon what they did or didn't do. Do you think that is what He is saying? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think Jesus identifies himself not just "with" but "as" the stranger, imprisoned, hungry, naked, sick, and lonely?
4. Protestants have two sacraments (visible signs of an invisible grace) - baptism and communion. It seems that Jesus is including another sacrament here that includes ministry to the "least", that when we serve them, we are really serving Him. Comments?

## moving forward

According to Jesus, the difference between an eternity blessed by God and one that is cursed is all about a little two letter word. Whatever you DO to the least of these you DO to me. In fact, there are two injustices identified in this passage - the injustice suffered by the least of these and the injustice of those would-be followers who close their hearts to Jesus. And Jesus takes this rejection personally and eternally. When you look around our community and world today, what is it that you can't stand? What injustices break your heart? Have you identified and opened your heart up to a holy cause or discontent? What is one thing you or your group can DO to make injustice history this week?

## changing your mind

*Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I say? Luke 6:46*