

Six Ways that we humans have responded to Jesus – Pt 1

(From The Worst to the Best)

1. Super Bad: _____

Matthew 2:3 “When King Herod heard this he was _____, and all Jerusalem with him.”

Disturbed, because he perceived a _____ to his thrown

Matthew 2:16 “When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was _____, and he gave order to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and it’s vicinity who were two years old and under.”

Furious – because he was _____ getting his _____

- Questions:
1. Do I ever get disturbed (_____) with God when we perceive that something is being _____ ?
 2. Do I ever get furious (angry) with God when I don’t get my way?

2. Bad - Pharisees, Sadducees, Teachers of the Law

Luke 11:53 “When Jesus went outside, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, waiting to catch him in something he might say”

Luke 23:18, 21 But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man.” But they kept shouting “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

When confronted with truth, they _____ Jesus, _____ Jesus in the public forum, _____ up the masses with lies and half-truths, and then _____ a mob to kill him.

Question: Do you tear Jesus down on _____, **pour fuel on the political and social fires** that show people the wrong Jesus, or rally the mob to kill the real Jesus and _____ Him with one of your own desire.

3. Not so Great, but able to recover: _____

Luke 1:5 – 25

The Message: Luke 1:17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

The response Luke 1:18 “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”

The Conclusion Luke 1:63 “He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.”

Luke 1:68-79 Zachariah prophesied and praised God

- Summary:
1. Zachariah _____ God because of his life circumstances.
 2. Zachariah _____ what God said.
 3. Elizabeth _____ him the way to believe.
 4. Zachariah _____ God when given another chance.

Question: When you have doubts and struggle with unbelief because of your life’s circumstances, do you consider God’s word, other people’s examples, and then when given the opportunity – obey?

What am I supposed to do?

Proverbs 3:5-6 _____ in the Lord with all your heart and lean _____ on your own understanding; in all your ways _____ to him, and he will make your paths straight.