

Philippians 3:10a AMPC

¹⁰ [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly],

I would like to introduce you to the **<u>confronting</u>** honesty of Jesus.

Luke 11:37-41 NLT ³⁷ As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited him home for a meal. So he went in and took his place at the table. ³⁸ His host was amazed to see that he sat down to eat without first performing the

hand-washing ceremony required by Jewish custom. ³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, "You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy full of greed and wickedness! ⁴⁰ Fools!"

"Didn't God make the inside as well as the outside?⁴¹ So clean the inside by giving gifts to the poor, and you will be clean all over."

Luke 10:38-42 NLT ³⁸ As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what

he taught. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! ⁴² There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

I. The honesty of Jesus can come in like a <u>sledge hammer</u> or a <u>feather</u>.

Luke 11:39-40a NLT

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"You can count on Jesus to tell you the truth in the best possible way for you to hear it." -John Eldredge.

II. The <u>motive</u> behind the honesty of Jesus is life change.

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III. The honesty of Jesus is love in action. 1 John 7:8 NLT ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

John 15:9 NLT ⁹ "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love".

Jesus loves us so much that He will always tell us the truth even if that truth is sometimes hard to hear.

