



How did Jesus treat women?

He treated them as valuable and trusted sisters. He loved, cherished, and honored them, which is NORMAL in God's kingdom, but SHOCKING in Jewish culture. His blood overcame sin, and his resurrection defeated death and the Fallen world, establishing the REDEEMED Family.

Key Term

Redeemer

Jesus bought back God's ideal

JESUS WAS RADICAL

John 4:1-42

Jesus spoke with Samaritan woman at the well, discussed theology with her, and revealed Himself as Messiah *for the first time*. He gave his *first "I AM"* statement to her. She became an evangelist to her village. Jesus crossed many barriers – Samaritan (ethnic), woman (gender), sinful (holiness), theology (tradition).

Luke 10:38-42

Mary sat at Jesus' feet. Jewish culture prohibited women from learning the Torah. Mary took the position of a disciple when she sat at the Teacher's feet. Disciples were expected to teach what they learn. Mary was essentially learning to become a teacher.

Luke 13:10-17

In synagogues, women were designated to sit in back. Jesus called the woman to come to him... to the FRONT. He healed her and called her "Daughter of Abraham." "Son of Abraham" was a common term, but "Daughter of Abraham" was never used. Jesus showed that women have great worth and dignity.

John 11:17-27

Martha and Jesus had a deep theological talk at Lazarus' death. Jesus did not tell His disciples that he was "the RESURRECTION and the LIFE," but he shared this incredible truth to Martha! She answered with the same words of faith that Peter used, showing that the Father can reveal spiritual truth to women, as he can to men.

Luke 11:27-28

A woman stated the traditional rabbinic blessing, "*Blessed is the woman who gave you birth and nursed you.*" Jesus corrected this belief by stating that true "blessedness" comes through hearing and obeying God's Word. ANYONE can be blessed, not just women who care for their sons!

Jesus honored women, highlighting those in the center of four major life events.

- **Jesus' birth** - Mary carried, gave birth, and cared for him.
- **Jesus' anointing for burial** - A woman anointed his body with valuable perfume. She will always be remembered.
- **Jesus' death** - The women faithfully remained nearby; they observed and grieved.
- **Jesus' resurrection** - Women came to honor Jesus' dead body. Jesus gave Mary M. the resurrection message!

Conclusion

Jesus did *not* show the superiority of women over men. Instead, he restored women to their rightful place alongside men. Jesus revealed a new kingdom ethic – built on the character of God. **Jesus brought the possibility of restored, REDEEMED family by his death/resurrection.**

4 Crucial Questions

1. What does this teach us about **GOD**?
2. What does this teach us about **PEOPLE**?
3. What command should I **OBEY**?
4. With whom can I **SHARE** this?