Message Notes

Treasure in Jars of Clay

Introduction – "If you had a fire, what would you grab out of the house?"

Today's Message:

Treasure in Jars of Clay 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

1. What's your treasure?

2 Corinthians 4:7a

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A look at "treasures" in Luke's Gospel

Luke 2:19

Luke 2:51-52

Luke 12:32-34

Luke 18:18-22

What does God treasure? Isaiah 42:8

Zephaniah 3:17

2. What is life like as a "jar of clay?"

2 Corinthians 4:7b, 8-12

3. Why would God set it up that way?

2 Corinthians 4:7c

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Romans 1:16

Gospel Application – "What's keeping Jesus from being treasured totally this morning?"

Luke 19:41-42

Matthew 23:37

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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Luke 2:51-52

⁵¹Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 12:32-34

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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¹⁹"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'

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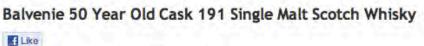
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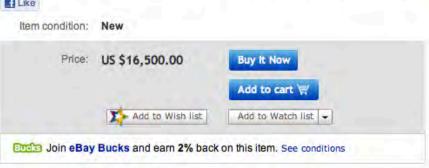
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¹When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...

Luke 19:39-43

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Luke 19:41-42

⁴¹As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes."

Matthew 23:37

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."

What is keeping Jesus Christ from being your treasure of all treasures this morning?