

Message Notes

Painful Irony

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *“Isn’t that ironic?”*

This week’s message
Painful Irony
Esther 7

A nice (second) banquet

Esther 7:1-2

Esther drops the bomb

Esther 7:3-4

An unhappy king

Esther 7:5-6

Two men in difficult situations

Esther 7:7

Esther 3:8-9

Things keeps getting worse for Haman

Esther 7:8

Hey, I’ve got an idea!

Esther 7:9-10

Developing Twists

Irony

Matthew 7:1-5

Mark 10:29-31

Luke 12:13-21

Acts 9:1-2, 15

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Human Evil and Divine Justice

Exodus 17:8-9, 14

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Romans 5:6-10

2 Corinthians 5:21

Gospel Application – *Who are you
in this story?*

Esther 7:1-10

¹So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther, ²and as they were drinking wine on that second day, the king again asked, “Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted.”

³Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor with you, O king, and if it pleases your majesty, grant me my life – this is my petition. And spare my people – this is my request. ⁴For I and my people have been sold for destruction and slaughter and annihilation. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king.”

⁵King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, “Who is he? Where is the man who has dared to do such a thing?”

⁶Esther said, “The adversary and enemy is this vile Haman.”

Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. ⁷The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.

⁸Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining. The king exclaimed, “Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?”

As soon as the word left the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face. ⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, “A gallows seventy-five feet high stands by Haman’s house. He had it made for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king.”

The king said, “Hang him on it!” ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king’s fury subsided.