



## **Esther 7 An Exposed Villain**

1. Take a few minutes to read Esther 7 together and recap what is happening here.
2. Compare the last banquet to the last supper in the NT. Describe each of the three parties:
  - Xerxes/Disciples = human nature, the power of choice, and blindness!
  - Esther/Jesus = God's nature, fully aware and working to avert disaster.
  - Haman/Judas = human nature left unchecked, and the deadly exaltation of self.
3. Read 2 Cor. 5:21 together. How does it affect you to know that Jesus went to the 'tree' in your place?
4. Discuss each of the following characters in light of your own life:
  - a. Xerxes- blind to the truth, but open to change. Is it possible that you may have blind spots?  
  
Are you open to truth? Are you asking the right questions?
  - b. Esther- Are you guided by God's spirit...patient and humble?
  - c. Haman- Are you allowing your human nature to be left unchecked?

5. Discuss what it could mean for your human nature to 'hang it on that tree'

### **Colossians 3:5**

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry."

### **Matt. 19:21**

"Go and sell all that you have and give to the poor and come and follow me,"

### **Romans 6:11**

"Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."