

03 – Why people do not follow Jesus – Hateful and Outdated**A hard topic**

... what is hateful?

What do you mean?

Possible surface level reasons

... because it claims the exclusive truth about how people are to know and respond to God.

... because it is a slogan that has worked to throw Christians into a spin.

... because they have rejected the very idea of any boundaries being imposed on them.

... “we now know better”

A genuine problem?

1) ... those who claim to be followers of Jesus are hateful and outdated.

2) ... the bible does say some things that are hard to understand or reconcile.

“God behaving badly”

...a few examples.

a) reading we had today from Joshua

- ... calls on Joshua to go and wipe out a bunch of people and leave none alive.

- the land God promised to give his people.
- ... judgement on a bunch of people

b) when the bible speak of everyone being put to death in one city, village or tribe...

a. does not always mean there was not one living soul left on this earth breathing.

b. Nor does it say this is the way that they were to treat everyone on every battlefield.

See Joshua 10:39 and 11:21

... what does the bible mean when it says they were utterly destroyed and no survivors left?

3) ... harsh penalties

it can be good to explore the context the laws are given

4) ... what the bible says about sex

- a. many people in our world who would feel that it is simply outdated
- b. God’s view of sex is very different.

c. ... feminist atheist writer, Lousie Perry thinks the Christian sexual ethic is VERY good for women and that the sexual revolution of our society has been very bad for women.