Protect yourself against identity theft Luke 23:7-12

Who I is important. Luke 23:7-9 Who I am is more important than I am. v7 You are: a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. 1 Peter 2:9-10

Who I am is more important than what I v8
I have learned to be content regardless of my circumstances. I know how to live humbly, and I know how to abound. I am accustomed to any and every situation; to being filled and being hungry, to having plenty and having need. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:11-13

Who I am is more important than what I v9 Isaiah 53:7, 1 Corinthians 2:14, John 16:8.

Who I is important. Luke 23:10-12

Who I am is more important than what others about me. v10 In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord... Then, if people speak against you... 1 Peter 3:15-16

Who I am is more important than what others to me. v11a If you suffer for doing good and you... 1 Peter 2:20-21 Dionysius, 249-262 AD. unnamed Wuhan Pastor, 2020. This is a trustworthy saying: If we died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him. 2 Timothy 2:11-12

Who I am is more important than what others of me. v11b This is My command... If... If... Instead... John 15:17-19

You are... 1 Peter 2:9-10

Thought starters for person reflection, or phone/email discussion

- 1. If you lost your wallet/purse, what would you be most concerned about losing?
- 2. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What are the 4 descriptions given to believers; and what do each of them highlight?
- 3. Also in 1 Peter 2:9, what rationale is given; and how do each of the 4 descriptions (v9a) contribute to this purpose (v9b)?
- 4. Herod, like many people today, wanted to see a miracle (v8), and wanted his questions answered (v9), but Jesus gave him nothing. Suggest why Jesus adopted this strategy?
- 5. Read Matthew 7:6, and 1 Corinthians 2:14. In what ways do these verses support the non-response of Jesus to Herod?
- 6. When should we, and when should we not, adopt the 'Herod response' when talking with others?

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