

Too Messy
Series: Monster Christians
Sermon: Contemptible Christians
November 15, 2015

1. Author and researcher, John Gottman wrote a book called The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. He describes four “habits” that can kill relationships. As a group, try to define each word and have each individual share which “habit” they need to be most cautious.
 - A. Criticism
 - B. Defensiveness
 - C. Stonewalling
 - D. Contempt
2. How do you see contempt in John 1:10-11 and Mark 10:34?
3. Why is contempt a "Love Killer"? Share a time when you showed contempt and share a time when you have been the recipient of contempt.
4. Read John 13:1-17.
 - A. What were Jesus’ motives when he chose to wash his disciple's feet?
 - B. Which disciple(s) would you have had difficulty washing their feet?
 - C. Why do you think Jesus washed feet before he instituted the Lord's Supper?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-27. What kind of contempt is Paul describing in these verses?
6. When you partake of communion, how do you use the quiet moments? How should you use the quiet moments?
7. Where do you see contempt in our society? Do you see contempt in the church?
8. Why is contempt easy to see in others, but difficult to see in ourselves?
9. What is the role of the Holy Spirit when contempt lives in us? Read John 14:15-18, John 16:5-8 and Galatians 5:16-26.
10. If contempt is a “Love Killer”, what would be a “Love Builder”?
11. Read the following:
 - A. Matthew 22:34-40
 - B. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

