Nobody left out outlines

2 Nathanael the know it all

John 1:35-51

Jesus calls the unqualified

The invitation to follow and then believe

Nazareth? Dismissive

Come and see

Jesus “Here comes an Israelite… Nate “How do you know me?”

John 1:48 I saw you… under the fig tree (Possibly praying for the messiah to come)

“Michael I saw you on that swing quote p28

What turns a skeptic into a believer? Being known by Jesus.

Know it all skeptics are welcome. Nobody left out

3 Woman with the perfume – uninvited undignified unable

Women devalued by the world – valued by Jesus. Women were included in his ministry.

Do we know her name??

Ugly cry scene an offering of worship

Simon the pharisee – judged people rather than love (Christians)

3 assumptions p35

Parable of debt forgiveness

Both simon and woman were in debt.. one managed it a little better. Debt comparison

Equal sinners… not equally aware

Simon do you see this woman? Jesus sees better than us

Fellow debtor… unable to pay. You are welcome. Nobody left out.

4 woman caught john 8:2-11

Exploited by pharisees to trap jesus v6

Caught in the very act – entrapment. Where is the other person?

The pharisees were hypocrites – unethical yet judging ethics

Let any without sin v7 Examine your self

Not an invitation to justify yourself… but to search your heart for sin

The pharisee walked away… exploited by sin and pride

The woman was not condemned… jesus was condemned in her place.

Jesus offers us the same deal… nobody left out.

OPPOSITE OF EXPLOITED?

5 2 Daughters

Mark 5:21-43

12 years

Disappointment (one miracle away from being an atheist pg 62)

Woman nothing to lose… Jairus something to lose (synagogue leader)
unclean woman… exalted leader

Who touched me? ..daughter

A miracle followed by bad news… your daughter is dead

More disappointment… “why bother”

Will you trust Jesus even when the thing happens?

Rollercoaster p66

She is dead but asleep… A new way to look at death.

Little girl get up… wake up…

The unclean… the dead… nobody left out

6 The Blind

1 SUFFERING IS DUE TO SIN
2 THINGS CAN ONLY BE SET RIGHT IN HEAVEN
3 CERTAINTY IS THE PATH TO GOD blind man was uncertain… pharisees were certain

Why is there is suffering?
9:1-2 who sinned? Blind from birth
v3 oft misunderstood… look to God

Walmart prayer.. now you have to believe.
He did believe.. before and after
You can believe in the suffering

v8 his neighbors did not know him…
v12 his neighbors did not know Jesus either…
misunderstood

The WHY of the suffering is not really an answer… a God who would suffer for us is the answer.

Jesus heals.. people skeptic… endless questions

Theology Police
v25
Jesus does not invite you to his theology school to learn about him
Jesus invites you to KNOW Him
The blind men didn’t know much… but he knew Jesus was a healer.

The pharisees only knew they wanted to disprove Jesus… they asked the same questions over and over… who and how
Is it really God…?
And how did it happen…?
Never praise God…

27 He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

They ignored the blind man… now they attack the formerly blind man

**34**To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

I have known churches like this…

They too blamed his suffering on his sin from borth. Who are you to lecture us… sinner?
Who is the pharisee to lecture the healed man?

Full of it
Pharisee – full of anger, jealousy, pride
Jesus – full of love truth and power
Who are you more like? Jesus or the pharisee? What are you full of?
Lord make us full of mercy, worship, service, humility, awe, wonder

The formerly blind man was thrown out… a serious thing
Community shattered
Treated badly in church
Never quite free from suffering
Blind suffering – Jesus finds him
Now healed but judged suffering… Jesus still finds him

The joy of being pursued by Jesus

I can’t promise you a life free from suffering… I promise you a Jesus who finds you in your suffering and opens your eyes.

Jesus opens his eyes a 2nd time..

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Still uncertain..
Pharisees still certain..

uncertainty is not our problem…
suffering is not really the issue…
Seeing/knowing Jesus is the real issue

blind from birth… loved from birth… nobody left out

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The worst day for Jesus

2 Thieves… the good and the bad (both bad) Matthew’s account both mock Jesus

It’s over… too late

What it looks like… Jesus did not look like a king (the sign above him-made fun of)… the thief did not look like a paradise bound citizen of God’s kingdom (but they were)

What does a king look like?

“As Jesus grew weaker in the world’s eyes, he somehow started looking more kingly to this criminal” p102 Faith saw a king

What does a citizen of God’s kingdom look like?

The difference between the thieves was that one asked… they received all they asked for

Crucifixion… beyond redemption

1 The criminal recognized wrongdoing v41

2 The criminal experienced sorrow v41

3 The criminal recognized Jesus as sinless v41

4 The criminal expressed a desire to follow Jesus 42

It is not too late…