

RVL 2/16/2019 AM

Locations reference the 1-2-3-4-5 combined audio file, which contains:

- A. Friday evening, 2/15/2019, 7-9pm
  - B. Saturday morning, 2/16/2019, 9am – noon (in two sessions)
  - C. Saturday afternoon, 2/16/2019, 2-5pm (in two sessions)
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- I. 0:00:00 -- Friday evening (Weekend Session 1)
    - a. Introduction
    - b. 0:00:02 RVL
      - i. 0:00:09 – Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus
      - ii. 0:00:11 – Shema Israel
      - iii. 0:00:12 – Rabbi “I’ll double your pay to stand at my door and ask me those two questions each day.” Who are you? What are you doing here?
      - iv. 0:00:18 – Put salt in your food – make you thirsty for the Word.
      - v. 0:00:24 – Jesus came to bring new interpretation.
      - vi. 0:00:27 – Another window to look at scripture through. Eastern.
      - vii. 0:00:31 – Much of the Bible is story.
      - viii. 0:00:36 – Who was the frog’s girlfriend?
      - ix. 0:00:40 – God is \_\_\_\_\_? Western vs Eastern
      - x. 0:00:44 – The M.D.Anderson medical facility of the world was Corinth. Body parts commissioned by potters and sculptors. Why would Paul mention that we are all one body in the letter to Corinth? Why not to Ephesus? The body parts were in Corinth. There is INSIGHT in understanding context.
      - xi. 0:00:53 – I am mad about my flat? (Flat tire in Michigan, I love my apartment in London.) It means something totally different in different locations.
    - c. 0:00:56 – Metaphors in story. Prodigal son, “sinned against heaven and you.” The context tells us that he DID NOT REPENT. Where did Jesus get those words? From Pharoah to Moses after 8<sup>th</sup> plague, but the text says “but he did not repent.”
    - d. 1:00:00 – What did it mean to wave a palm branch and should HOSANNA? Kill, Kill, Kill! A demonstration against the Romans.
    - e. 1:00:03 – WHY DOES THE AUTHOR USE PARTICULAR WORDS? Every word in the original is inspired by God – even every letter!
      - i. John 21 – Jesus died, raised, disciples went fishing
        - 1. A fire of “burning coals...” Why do I need to know that?

2. Any orthodox Jew can tell you.
  3. 1:07:00 – Heap burning coals on enemy’s head. (Romans)
  - ii. Jesus’s first miracle – water to wine.
    1. What is significant about it? The DAY OF THE LORD.
  - iii. 1:14:00 – Next major story in JOHN is cleansing of the temple. Other three put it at the end. WHY? Chronological order is not as significant as theological order in the East.
    1. Temptations of Jesus are in different orders. Matthew original?
  - f. 1:23:50 – Why did Abraham plant a Tamarisk Tree?
    - i. Context is also place and culture.
    - ii. 1:33:30 – Needed Bedouin Muslim man who lived like Abraham and Sara. Told guide, “Need Bedouin who does not have a cell phone. Went MILES and MILES.”
    - iii. 1:37:00 – Shepherds typically women/girls.
    - iv. 1:41:20 – Lord leads me into green pastures. Explanation by Israeli in desert.
    - v. 1:53:00 – I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. The sheep that hear my voice follow me.
  - g. 1:56:50 – The disciple follows the path the shepherd walks.
  - h. 1:58:10 – BEHIND YOU IS A WHOLE STRING OF SHEEP whose connection to the Shepherd is you.
    - i. 18 year olds. We are losing the connections.
- II. 1:59:30 -- Saturday morning first session (Weekend Session 2)
- a. 2:01:54 -- 914.. Marbles
  - b. 2:06:53 -- 917.. Map context Galilee Nazareth
    - i. Capernaum Bethsaida Harvard Yale of the time. Rabbis. Jesus audience was the elite of rabbinical thought. His audience was brilliant.
    - ii. Insula communities. Who is my mother...
    - iii. Towns built around synagogues. Hebrew is language of religious discussion not Aramaic.
    - iv. Synagogue life
  - c. 2:18:33 -- 929.. Jer 16.16 I will send for many fishermen
    - i. 2:22:14 – What does it tell you about Jesus’ opinion of his audience?
  - d. 2:23:22 – If we want to understand some of the things in Jesus’ teaching, we will have to pay attention to how he used his Bible.
  - e. 2:24:06 -- Not come to abolish Torah... But to fulfill.

- i. 2:25:24 – Technical rabbi language. Levatel (abolish) is to interpret incorrectly. Lekiyeeem (fulfill) means to interpret correctly and keep the way God intended.
    - ii. 2:27:56 -- 936.. AS A TEACHER, HIS JOB WAS TO SHOW US HOW TO INTERPRET SCRIPTURE.
  - f. 2:40:03 -- 951.. Matt 18.21 Seventy times seven.
    - i. Jesus is judged by Jews today by how well his followers (disciples) know his words.
    - ii. You will out forgive Lamech! (Lamech will get revenge seventy times seven!) You will take the most evil person who ever lived, and out forgive him.
    - iii. Jesus assumes that the disciples knew that passage!
  - g. 2:50:18 -- 1000.. YOKE
    - i. How does Jesus demonstrate? Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.
    - ii. Matt 11.29 Take my Yoke upon you.
    - iii. 2:55:30 -- 1005.. Easy. Work, but payoff is DELIGHTFUL! (Like an inveterate golfer.)
    - iv. I WILL GIVE YOU REST.. only God.
    - v. 3:01:14 -- YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. (Only THE LORD ever says this in scripture. Jesus is claiming to be the Ancient Way, the path to God. Jesus declares he IS God)
    - vi. 3:02:00 -- 1014.. In those six lines... (and 3:06:24, 3:10:44)
    - vii. But he's not done yet!
    - viii. Take my yoke. I am gentle and humble in heart.
  - h. 3:10:55 -- 1019.. Would they challenge his claim to Authority?
  - i. 3:19:52 – END OF SECTION / take a break
- III. 3:19:55 -- Saturday morning second session – (Weekend Session 3)
  - a. 3:20:00 -- Answer a few questions which were turned in
  - b. 3:23:56 -- 1051.. Purpose of parable is to explain HOW to live the teaching.
  - c. 3:29:54 – Let's talk about Mustard Seed. Mustard is a despised plant but.it.will.take.over, i.e., a nuisance plant!
  - d. 3:32:07 -- 1059.. Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast. Jesus is applying scripture.
    - i. Discussion about desert context of Torah. Genesis 18. Abraham sitting in tent.
    - ii. 3:42:01 -- 1115.. Old men NEVER run.
    - iii. 3:50:03 – Is a black scorpion about to sting my granddaughter?

- iv. 3:54:35 -- 1122.. Eat meat two or three times per year.
- v. Flour wheat barley Rich take risk.
- vi. 4:03:50 – Three seahs of flour = 65 pounds!
- vii. 4:05:41 -- 1133.. Matt 13.33 three seahs of flour LIKE SARA. Kingdom of Heaven is like that.
- viii. 4:16:06 – I am not suggesting that Jesus is JUST about a “social gospel.” BUT... it is about HOW DO WE CONVINCED PEOPLE that God is this Loving/Caring God? We ACT LIKE HIM, in his name!
- ix. 4:17:00 -- 1145.. Tabernacle shew bread. Bread of the Faces. It had to be made from... FINEST FLOUR! Hmmm...
- e. 1149.. Why did John baptize at Elijah places?
  - i. John the Baptist showed up in an Elijah suit. (dropped from audio?)
  - ii. John sent to Jesus to ask...
  - iii. If Herod invalidated Torah, he had no right to rule. Insurrection.

IV. 4:19:15 – Saturday afternoon first session (Weekend Session 4)

- a. The TEAM that put this together in Granbury was EXCEPTIONALLY attentive to details!
- b. 4:24:59 -- 1412 Sources see photo on tablet for studying Sources to help with thinking Eastern.
- c. 4:27:58 – Looking at Matthew 11, Kingdom of Heaven has been violently advancing and violent people are claiming it.
  - i. John is in prison. He sent disciples to Jesus to ask a question.
  - ii. Are you the one who is to come? (“the coming one”)
    - 1. This is “rabbi-speak.” John did not lose his way, nor lose hope!
    - 2. “Set prisoners free” omitted from Jesus’ response.
    - 3. A hard saying.
  - iii. 4:35:36 -- Yes, Remez, but that WORD did not occur until Middle Ages, even though the PRACTICE predates Jesus.
    - 1. Modern day example, Jewish professor, “raised up sons and daughters,” audience was stunned.
- d. 4:38:20 – “violent men” comment, after John’s disciples left, must have something to do with the audience. BIADZO Greek. PRATDZ! Hebrew (sp??) Explosive, like with fireworks.
  - i. 4:40:09 – Green pastures. 1431.. Sheepfold Micah 2.12
  - ii. Explosive sheep! ... Pratz
  - iii. 4:52:31 – Why is so much of Christianity BORING...?
  - iv. 4:55:40 – I want to be part of a community of EXPLOSIVE SHEEP!!

- e. 4:58:34 -- 1445... Joseph, brothers, many colors
  - f. Judah and Tamar
    - i. Do you recognize these? Staff and belt and seal.
    - ii. Jesus had PRATZ in his DNA!
  - g. 5:18:53 -- 1506.. the Good Samaritan
    - i. Hat blew off. Stay on trail. Pack out what you pack in.
    - ii. When commandments conflict with each other?
    - iii. Love your neighbor, vs. ritual purity, vs temple, etc.
  - h. 5:43:17 – WHO HEALED THE MAN’S HAND?? 1532.. His hand was completely restored.
    - i. 5:43:47 -- Jesus left the decision up to God. (Try that with musical instruments sometime?)
  - i. 5:42:29 -- Going through grain fields on the Second First Sabbath.
    - i. Leave corners for two Sabbath days.
    - ii. Love your neighbor greater than Temple. Temple greater than Sabbath. So Love Your Neighbor greater than Sabbath. Brilliant! All from scripture, by the Author.
  - j. 5:59:32 -- 1545.. break
- V. 6:03:20 -- Saturday afternoon second session 1610.. (Weekend Session 5)
- a. WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?
    - i. Four thousand parables are recorded from the two centuries surrounding Jesus. Only two mention place names. This is one.
    - ii. Pharisees wrote parables. Sadducees did it won't. Third guy always Pharisee and he is the hero.
    - iii. Person asking question thought he had Jesus boxed in...he was wrong.
    - iv. First two were obeying Torah. But he elevated Temple over Love Your Neighbor.
    - v. Audience knew what the result would be. Story was in old testament?
    - vi. 2 Chronicles 28
    - vii. Help hurting people. Yes, but not the point. The point is WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR? Who is your worst enemy, the person whom you most despise? He is your neighbor too.
    - viii. Questioner could not say Samaritan.. The one who helped him.
    - ix. LOOK AT HOW MUCH SCRIPTURE IS PULLED INTO THAT PARABLE!
  - b. 6:38:05 -- 1645.. Sometimes in the East, teaching is done by Dramatic Action.
    - i. Jesus stilled the storm.
    - ii. In the beginning...chaos. God created order from chaos.

- iii. Let's go to the other side. Don't you care if we drown? Same words as Jonah.
- iv. Key word is REBUKE. SHUT UP! PS 107 stilled the storm
- v. Why Son of God when walk on water? Job 9.. He treads on the waves of the sea.

## **Sunday Class**

### **WHY DO I NEED TO KNOW THAT?**

#### **A Roman Context**

1. 910..Dramatic Action. 40 Days after passover to get to Sina. Ten days late. Jesus died passover, 40 days, three thousand executed, three thousand saved!!
2. Mark 15.23 offered him wine mixed with myrrh but he would not drink it. WHY?
3. In Roman context this is an eyebrow raiser.
4. Pay tribute with Tribute Coin. Caesar is god.
5. Image of God? See Genesis 1.
6. Triumph 54AD. When gospel of Mark was written...
7. Imagine we are in a house church at that time.
8. John Mark wrote a letter. Jesus crucifixion seems to be presented as A Triumph in terms of what Mark wrote and its order.
9. Messenger shows up with scroll from John Mark, Peter's record of Jesus story. Last chapter? The execution sounds like a Triumph!
10. 2 Cor 2.14 triumphal procession
11. Journal of NT studies about this. Many more details! Thomas E Schmidt

#### **Sunday Sermon – The Covenant: What Happened?**

(No notes were taken during the sermon. They may be added to this document at some future date.)