

MESSAGE OUTLINE

The End of Religion: Week 3 / Bruxy Cavey

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Jesus takes us away from our addiction to _____.

“Sometime later Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there was in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie - the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’ ‘Sir,’ the invalid replied, ‘I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, ‘It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.’”

John 5:1-10

Jesus performs miracles in ways that will be embedded with an _____ message.

“But he replied, ‘The man who made me well said to me, “Pick up your mat and walk.””

John 5:11

“So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute Him. In his defense Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working.’”

John 5:16-17

“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

John 5:39-40

We study Scripture so we can get to _____ Jesus, but then we _____ Jesus.

“As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned,’ said Jesus, ‘but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.’”

John 9:1-3

Jesus died on the cross not just for our _____ but for our _____.

To be a follower of Jesus is to be someone who is defined by your _____.

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“Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ... I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.”

Revelation 21:1-3, 22

We then become a _____ of people who live in that reality _____.

RESOURCE FOR LATER:

The End of Religion, by Bruxy Cavey

God Enters Stage Left, by Tim Day

MY NEXT STEP TODAY:

What we do in service becomes real when we bring it into our real life. Write down your next step and bring it to your group or share it with a trusted friend. We grow in community!

OPTIONS FOR OUR TIME OF RESPONSE:

- Receive communion*** by coming to a station, dipping the bread in the juice, and eating.
- Light a candle** as you pray for yourself or another.
- Drop off the blue cards and/or giving** in the gray boxes by the auditorium doors.
- Sing or simply listen** and follow along with the music.
- Remain where you are** and reflect on what you’ve heard today.

*We practice open communion, which means everyone is welcome. In order that all may participate equally, we serve communion with juice and gluten-free bread.

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