

Theme

1. Sometimes God doesn't heal – and it is hard to understand why
 - a. Ex. King David – 2 Sam 12:15-23
 - b. Why are some prayers answered and others not?
 - c. Separation is just for a time ... One day we will go to him.
 - d. Still, you worship – thru sorrow, joy, sorrow again
 - i. This is the meaning of faith
2. Limitations – Don't put limitations on God. If we do, it limits our understanding
 - a. Akiva vs Uzziah
3. Power
 - a. David – abused his power w/Bathsheba
 - b. Quintus – abuses his w/ people
 - c. Gais – does not w/ tent city & mob
 - d. James & John's mom
 - e. Big James – only 1 to seek retribution – heart infected w/Gentile like view of power

Storylines

1. King David - What is needed is my repentance
 - a. **2 Sam 12:15-23**
2. Quintus (Dominis) – in the red - anger management issues!!!!
 - a. Sewer ... dog (is that Mt's dog???) ... my street ... up on your taxes???
 - b. Gais (Primi) – Hades & sticks - what is his strategy?????
 - i. If you have an order to give, we will give carry it out
 - ii. Reduce pilgrim tent city by 10 cubits a day or else
 - iii. Promoted a Germanic tax collector escort
 - c. Rome assigned Q here b/c didn't think he could make it in large city
 - i. Tribute record posted highest in the region (when Mt collector??)
 - ii. Pilgrims have cut off his TAXES
3. Zebedee – streets madness b/c of pilgrims
 - a. Oil business booming – another place asking for their business
 - b. What is up with James & John
 - i. Rock – doesn't sound like Simon Forgave MT – deserves name change!
 - ii. Ambition of James & John – just before Blind Bartimaeus - **Mk 10:35**
 - iii. Salome: You have done 5 x more than Simon has.
 1. ask, seek, knock - **Mt 7:7** (when seeking Kingdom of God)
 2. influence, closest to God, so long as we 1st seek 1st the kingdom
 3. Ask or I will. Mom asks - **Mt 20:20**
4. Thomas & Ramah - John unreliable (overly permissible) Andrew assigned chaperone.
 - a. Object of value - Sundial – for their future home – together until the end of time
 - b. Ramah – asked advice from Eden
 - i. Thomas – Si / Peter & I are very different
 - ii. Ramah – marriage is marriage & both followers & called to spec kind of life

5. Jesus preaching in Capernaum
 - a. Akiva – reads Edict from Jerusalem. J blaspheme & followers put out of synagogue.
 - b. Mary & Eden – feed Jesus before big day – usu exhausted after, so getting ahead of it.
 - c. Jesus – Tension growing: Rome, Pharisees, pilgrims – make sure listening to right voice
 - i. They are being led poorly They have gone too far.
 - d. James & John – how do we ask for this? we will do it tomorrow
 - e. Thomas - worried sermon not a good idea. Gaius thinks bad idea.
 - f. Simon – agrees. But didn't think a lot of J ideas were good, but they turned out.
6. Jesus heals blind Uzziah w/clay & spit **John 9**
 - a. But it's shabbat – that will make this more fun.
 - b. Who sinned? John 9 A disciple asks in scripture, not in Chosen
 - i. God allows Uzziah to be blind so that 1 day he could be healed & God could receive the glory through Jesus
 - c. John starts taking notes when Matthew does
7. Uzziah taken to synagogue by Rabbi Josiah
 - a. didn't wash in Pool of Siloam
 - b. Jairus defends Jesus @ sabbath
 - c. Uzziah & parents are questioned, Uzziah thrown out from synagogue
8. Jesus speech **Luke 11:29 – 32**
 - a. Pilgrim brings others from tent city & asks for another sign
 - b. Rabbi Akiva & Rabbi Josiah duel with Jesus - **anyone writing this down???? MT**
 - c. Atticus (Cohortes)– tells Gaius to send msg to Quintus NO he wants Q to fail.
 - d. Gaius – tells Matthew to get Jesus out now – Tell Simon it is serious (Peter now)**
 - e. Quintus – msg from Atticus: What you do next will determine your career
 - f. Quintus – tells Gaius to arrest Jesus – NO - arrested
9. Apostles escort Jesus away from mob
 - a. Several left behind, but make it out
 - b. Women are left behind
 - c. Thomas & ? go back for women
10. Ramah is killed by Quintus
 - a. Last words to Thomas – “Remember what I said..Stay with Him, that is all I want.”
 - b. Quintus is surprised.
 - c. Atticus is disgusted – does he arrest Quintus?
 - d. John holds back James
11. Thomas asks Jesus to fix this. You are hear now. This is a mistake heal Ramah
 - a. Jesus says “It is not her time. I love you, Thomas. He loves you. I'm so sorry.”

David's Repentance.

2 Sam 12:15 - 23

13Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan answered David: "For his part, the LORD has removed your sin. You shall not die,^f

14but since you have utterly spurned the LORD by this deed, the child born to you will surely die."

15Then Nathan returned to his house.

The LORD struck the child that the wife of Uriah had borne to David, and it became desperately ill.

16David pleaded with God on behalf of the child. He kept a total fast, and spent the night lying on the ground clothed in sackcloth.

17The elders of his house stood beside him to get him to rise from the ground; but he would not, nor would he take food with them.

18On the seventh day, the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said: "When the child was alive, we spoke to him, but he would not listen to what we said. How can we tell him the child is dead? He may do some harm!"

19But David noticed his servants whispering among themselves and realized that the child was dead. He asked his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "Yes."

20Rising from the ground, David washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes. Then he went to the house of the LORD and worshiped. He returned to his own house and asked for food; they set it before him, and he ate.

21His servants said to him: "What is this you are doing? While the child was living, you fasted and wept and kept vigil; now that the child is dead, you rise and take food."

22He replied: "While the child was living, I fasted and wept, thinking, 'Who knows? The LORD may grant me the child's life.'

23But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."^g

24Then David consoled Bathsheba his wife.

The Man Born Blind.

John 9

1* As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth.^a

2* His disciples asked him,^b “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

3Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.^c

4We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work.^d

5While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”^e

6When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes,^f

7and said to him, “Go wash* in the Pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see.^g

8His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?”

9Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

10So they said to him, “[So] how were your eyes opened?”

11He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.”

12And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.”

13They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

14Now Jesus had made clay* and opened his eyes on a sabbath.^h

15So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”

16So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” [But] others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them.ⁱ

17So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”ⁱ

18 Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

19 They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?"

20 His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

21 We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself."

22 ^k His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Messiah, he would be expelled from the synagogue.

23 For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."^l

24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise!^m We know that this man is a sinner."^m

25 He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

26 So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

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

28 They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses!

29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from."ⁿ

30 The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes.

31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him."^o

32 ^{*} It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.

33 If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."^o

34 They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

35 When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

36 He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he."^q

38He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

39^{*} Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."[†]

40Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"[‡]

41Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."[‡]

Luke 11:27-28

27While he was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed."†

28He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

Mt 12:50

50For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."

The Demand for a Sign.*

Luke 11:29-32

29While still more people gathered in the crowd, he said to them,^m "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah.ⁿ

30Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

31At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here.^o

32At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here.^p

cleanliness.*

Luke 11:39-46

39The Lord said to him, "Oh you Pharisees!v Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil.

40You fools! Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside?

41But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.

42Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God. These you should have done, without overlooking the others.w

43Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seat of honor in synagogues and greetings in marketplaces.x

44Woe to you! You are like unseen graves* over which people unknowingly walk.”y

45Then one of the scholars of the law* said to him in reply, “Teacher, by saying this you are insulting us too.”z

46And he said, “Woe also to you scholars of the law! You impose on people burdens hard to carry, but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them.

Mt 23:23-28

23j “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You pay tithes* of mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier things of the law: judgment and mercy and fidelity. [But] these you should have done, without neglecting the others.

24* k Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!

25* l “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You cleanse the outside of cup and dish, but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence.

26Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean.

27* “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and every kind of filth.

28m Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing.

Luke 12:2

2b “There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.c

3Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed on the housetops.

Luke 12:51

51Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?v No, I tell you, but rather division.w

Request / Ambition of James & John:

Mt 20:20

20^c Then the mother^{*} of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something.

21 He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your kingdom."

22 Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking.^{*} Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can."

23 He replied, "My cup you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left [, this] is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

24^d When the ten heard this, they became indignant at the two brothers.

25 But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt.

26 But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant;

27^e whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave.

28^f Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom^{*} for many."

Mk 10:35

35^a Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

36 He replied, "What do you wish [me] to do for you?"

37 They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

38^{*-b} Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

39 They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

40 but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.

42^{*} Jesus summoned them and said to them,^b "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt.

43 But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;

44 whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

45 For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."