

## JESUS IS A RESCUING KING

### 1. THE RESCUE MISSION

- A. What we believe about the King and His Kingdom will determine how we live our lives.
- B. He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. **Col 1:13**
- C. Jesus came on a rescue mission. Recognizing this will help us better understand His words and His actions.
  - I. The Father sent Jesus on assignment and He never lost sight of His mission.
  - II. **Acts 10:38** captures the essence of His rescue mission. **1 John 3:8** & **John 10:10** confirm His purpose.

### 2. THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

- A. Jesus came to rescue people from the influence and works of Satan on their lives.
  - I. The Lord's Prayer calls on this aspect of His nature, "deliver (rescue) us from the evil one". **Luke 11:4**
- B. The kingdom of darkness is the source of sickness, pain, oppression, and despair.
  - I. The kingdom of God is in direct conflict with this kingdom of darkness.
  - II. The good news is that Jesus has dominion over this defeated kingdom.
- C. The devil was cast out of God's presence and is working to establish his counter-kingdom & evil on the earth.
  - I. But, the earth is the Lord and the fullness thereof. **Ps 24:1**. The devil is a squatter on God's property.
- D. Every healing and every encounter is about taking back from the enemy what belongs to God.
  - I. His rule applies to every situation, both physical and spiritual. Salvation is for the body, mind and spirit.

### 3. JESUS IS A RESCUING KING

- A. "He delivered us from death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us." **2 Co 1:10**
  - I. A paraphrase of this, "He has rescued us before and He will rescue us again". **2 Co 1:10 (NLT)**
- B. When Jesus heals a person, the significance of the healing goes beyond just the healing they received.
  - I. Their lives are rescued. A new future is created for them in just a moment.
  - II. The possibilities and direction of their future is changed forever.
  - III. That which has been stolen is restored by the compassionate power of Jesus.
- C. Consider for a moment a few of the people Jesus rescued.
  - I. Jesus cleanses a man with leprosy. **Mark 1:40-45**. The leper is an outcast, unclean and forgotten.
    - Jesus, moved with compassion, reaches out, touches him, and says, "I am willing; be cleansed."
  - II. Consider the demoniac of Gadara. He is an insane outcast by the people who raised pigs. **Luke 8:26-39**
  - III. Blind Bartimaeus. **Mark 10:46-52**. His whole future is different
  - IV. Jesus Raises a Widow's Son in Nain. **Luke 7:11-17**. Their whole future is different.
- D. When we pray for the sick or oppressed, we need to do so with an awareness of this rescue mission.
- E. A simple question that can change everything. "*May I Pray for You?*"
  - I. This question releases the activity of the kingdom. You become a kingdom connector.
  - II. It connects the reality of heaven (age to come) to the need of the person in front of you.
  - III. 95% of Christians haven't asked this question outside the four walls of the church or their home.
  - IV. As the King rescues people from the kingdom of darkness, their lives are changed forever.

### 4. WE ALL NEED A SAVIOR

- A. Who did Jesus rescue? Those who were in need? Sometimes it is important to become aware of our need?
  - I. There are very few whom the kingdom of darkness has not impacted.
  - II. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. We all need a Rescuer.
- B. In addition, all too often we need to be rescued from ourselves! We need a Savior.
- C. All have sinned and strayed. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. **Romans 3:23**
  - I. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way. **Isaiah 53:6**
- D. We all need to be saved. Isaiah's cry in Ch. 64 for God's presence, mercy, rescue and justice is relevant today.
  - I. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned. In these ways we continue; and we need to be saved. **Is 64:5**
  - II. We are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness acts are like filthy rags (menstrual). **Is 64:6**
- E. Our good deeds cannot save us. We cannot save ourselves. We cannot cleanse ourselves. We need a Savior.
  - I. Jesus said in **John 15:5**, "without me you can do nothing."
  - II. Prior in **John 14:6**, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

## 5. JESUS IS A SAVIOR

- A. Isaiah not only describes the sickness, he describes the remedy, “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. **Isaiah 1:18**
- B. In Josephs dream, “You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” **Matt 1:21**
  - I. We have a Savior King. The name Jesus means God is salvation.
- C. Sozo is the Greek word for saved, implies wholeness, saved from destruction, healed and delivered (rescued).
  - I. The woman with the issue of blood, “If I could just touch His hem I will be whole (sozo)” **Matt 9:21**
  - II. Jairus’ daughter, “Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed (sozo)” **Mark 5:23**
  - III. “For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save (sozo) them.” **Luke 9:56**
  - IV. “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save (sozo) that which was lost.” **Luke 19:10**
  - V. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (sozo). **John 3:17**
  - VI. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved (sozo). **John 10:9**
  - VII. I came not to judge the world, but to save (sozo) the world. **John 12:47**
  - VIII. Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved (sozo). **Acts 2:21**
  - IX. There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (sozo). **Acts 4:12**
  - X. To the Philippian jailer, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved (sozo).” **Acts 16:31**
- D. Jesus as Savior is all about Him being a rescuer.
  - I. “He has rescued us before and He will rescue us again”. **2 Co 1:10**
  - II. What we believe about the King and His Kingdom will determine how we live our lives.

## 6. MINISTRY TIME

- A. Workshop, “Tools to help you receive the Kingdom and give it away”
- B. Invite the Kingdom.
  - I. Admit your need.
  - II. Ask in faith
  - III. Be patient, sensitive and tune into His presence.
  - IV. Ask the Lord for more. In other words, “Bless what the Father is doing.”
- C. Find someone and ask the simple question, “May I pray for you?”
  - I. When they say yes, invite the kingdom.

## SCRIPTURE

*Acts 10:38 (NKJV) God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

*Mark 10:46-52 (NKJV) Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”*

*48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”*

*49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.*

*Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”*

*50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.*

*51 So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?”*

*The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”*

*52 Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.*

*Titus 3:4-7 (NKJV) But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

**MIRACLES OF JESUS**

	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
1. Jesus Turns Water into Wine				<b>2:1-11</b>
2. Jesus Heals an Official's Son				<b>4:43-54</b>
3. Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit		<b>1:21-27</b>	<b>4:31-36</b>	
4. Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law	<b>8:14-15</b>	<b>1:29-31</b>	<b>4:38-39</b>	
5. Jesus Heals Many Sick at Evening	<b>8:16-17</b>	<b>1:32-34</b>	<b>4:40-41</b>	
6. First Miraculous Catch of Fish			<b>5:1-11</b>	
7. Jesus Cleanses a Man With Leprosy	<b>8:1-4</b>	<b>1:40-45</b>	<b>5:12-14</b>	
8. Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant	<b>8:5-13</b>		<b>7:1-10</b>	
9. Jesus Heals a Paralytic	<b>9:1-8</b>	<b>2:1-12</b>	<b>5:17-26</b>	
10. Jesus Heals a Man's Withered Hand	<b>12:9-14</b>	<b>3:1-6</b>	<b>6:6-11</b>	
11. Jesus Raises a Widow's Son in Nain			<b>7:11-17</b>	
12. Jesus Calms a Storm	<b>8:23-27</b>	<b>4:35-41</b>	<b>8:22-25</b>	
13. Jesus Casts Demons into a Herd of Pigs	<b>8:28-33</b>	<b>5:1-20</b>	<b>8:26-39</b>	
14. Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd	<b>9:20-22</b>	<b>5:25-34</b>	<b>8:42-48</b>	
15. Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter to Life	<b>9:18, 23-26</b>	<b>5:21-24, 35-43</b>	<b>8:40-42, 49-56</b>	
16. Jesus Heals Two Blind Men	<b>9:27-31</b>			
17. Jesus Heals a Man Unable to Speak	<b>9:32-34</b>			
18. Jesus Heals an Invalid at Bethsaida				<b>5:1-15</b>
19. Jesus Feeds the 5,000	<b>14:13-21</b>	<b>6:30-44</b>	<b>9:10-17</b>	<b>6:1-15</b>
20. Jesus Walks on Water	<b>14:22-33</b>	<b>6:45-52</b>		<b>6:16-21</b>
21. Jesus Heals Many Sick in Gennesaret	<b>14:34-36</b>	<b>6:53-56</b>		
22. Jesus Heals a Woman's Demonized Daughter	<b>15:21-28</b>	<b>7:24-30</b>		
23. Jesus Heals a Deaf and Dumb Man		<b>7:31-37</b>		
24. Jesus Feeds 4,000	<b>15:32-39</b>	<b>8:1-13</b>		
25. Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida		<b>8:22-26</b>		
26. Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind				<b>9:1-12</b>
27. Jesus Heals a Boy with a Demon	<b>17:14-20</b>	<b>9:14-29</b>	<b>9:37-43</b>	
28. Miraculous Temple Tax in a Fish's Mouth	<b>17:24-27</b>			
29. Jesus Heals a Blind, Mute Demoniac	<b>12:22-23</b>		<b>11:14-23</b>	
30. Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman			<b>13:10-17</b>	
31. Jesus Heals a Man With Dropsy on the Sabbath			<b>14:1-6</b>	
32. Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers			<b>17:11-19</b>	
33. Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead				<b>11:1-45</b>
34. Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus	<b>20:29-34</b>	<b>10:46-52</b>	<b>18:35-43</b>	
35. Jesus Withers the Fig Tree	<b>21:18-22</b>	<b>11:12-14</b>		
36. Jesus Heals a Servant's Severed Ear			<b>22:50-51</b>	
37. Second Miraculous Catch of Fish				<b>21:4-11</b>