



## CHAPTER 3 Jesus at Work

### 3 QUESTIONS AS WE TAKE A STEP BACK

- A. What was it like for THEM to have Jesus PARACHUTED into THEIR PARADIGM?
- B. What should it therefore look like to have Jesus PARACHUTED into OUR PARADIGM?
- C. What should it look like when WE are PARACHUTED into OTHER PEOPLE'S PARADIGM in the name of Jesus?

#### A. JESUS PARACHUTED INTO THEIR PARADIGM.

- \* Living under ROMAN occupation and a RELIGIOUS thumb ... INEQUALITY & INJUSTICE abound ... Deliverance and salvation PROPHESED in the distant past.
- \* And INTO THAT, along comes JESUS.
- *What would it have been like as a peasant living in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century when Jesus arrived on the scene? What would your needs have been? What would you have been hoping He would do?*
- *Why to them did Jesus at first appear an unlikely hero? However, once they saw Him in action, what were the things that would have caught their attention / set Him apart? Jesus arrived on the scene and started turning things UPSIDE-DOWN.*
- \* He took the BROKEN and made it WHOLE.
- \* He took the SICK and made it HEALTHY.
- \* He took the CAPTIVE and set him FREE.
- \* He took the OPPRESSED and gave her HOPE & DIGNITY.
- *What did Jesus turn upside-down? What needed turning upside-down? How did He do it?*

THE POINT: It should LOOK LIKE THAT in all three SCENARIOS.

- \* It's what Jesus did FOR THEM ... what He wants to do FOR US ... and ultimately what Jesus wants US to do FOR OTHERS.
- *Does it look like that? Is Jesus turning things upside-down in your life? Is Jesus using you to turn things upside-down? Have you been made whole, healthy, free and hopeful? Do you see it as your mission to help others find that too?*

#### B. JESUS PARACHUTED INTO OUR PARADIGM.

- \* Not Romans or Teachers of the Law in our case, but a THIEF whose objective is to steal, kill and destroy, a WORLD SYSTEM trying to squeeze you into a mould, and a growing ANTI-CHRIST agenda.
  - *Explain what we're up against in our paradigm. What is the opposition? Where is it trying to drive you? Why is it difficult to escape?*
  - \* For everyone outside of Christ, the paradigm is CAPTIVITY, WOUNDEDNESS, HOPELESSNESS.
  - \* And INTO ALL THAT, along comes JESUS (Isaiah 61:1-3).
  - *When you first became a Christian, what evidence was there of captivity, woundedness or hopelessness? How far have you come? If you dig deep, think carefully and speak honestly, what work is there still to be done for you in those areas?*
- POINT: Do we appreciate the FULNESS / EXTENT of what Jesus came to do FOR US?

- \* 'SOZO' = SAVED, HEALED & DELIVERED ... MAKE WHOLE, SANCTIFY & SET FREE.
- *What do we mean by 'full gospel'? Is that what your spiritual life looks like?*
- \* CHALLENGE: Have we ALLOWED JESUS into our CAPTIVITY, WOUNDEDNESS, HOPELESSNESS?
- \* God's will for you is FREEDOM (John 8:32, Gal 5:1, 2 Cor 3:17)
- \* God's will for you is WHOLENESS (1 Pet 2:24, 1 Thess 5:23)
- \* God's will for you is PURPOSE (Rom 15:13, Heb 6:18-19)
- \* To that end, we encourage everyone to MEET WALK SERVE.
- *What could it look like for you if you were truly free, whole and full of purpose? Why is that important if God is to really use us?*
- *Have you really let Jesus in, so you can have and be all that He's done and promised? If not, why not, and how might you do so? How does meeting with God, walking with God and serving God tie in with that process?*
- *Look up and talk through the verses listed in this section.*

#### C. WHEN WE ARE PARACHUTED INTO THEIRS.

- \* Jesus came to do extraordinary things FOR THEM back in Mark's day.
- \* So He can do extraordinary, supernatural things IN YOU today.
- \* And ultimately do extraordinary, supernatural, life-changing things THROUGH YOU to bless the world.
- \* In reality, the only thing I can offer the world is WHAT'S INSIDE ME because JESUS PUT IT THERE.
- \* When we're STRONG SPIRITUALLY, when we're FULL OF GOD, when we're OVERFLOWING, then we're POWERFUL.
- \* It doesn't matter how OUTWARD-LOOKING you are if you're INWARDLY EMPTY.
- *Smith Wigglesworth said, "I am a thousand times stronger on the inside than I am on the outside." What did he mean? How do you get to be like that?*
- *It doesn't matter how outward-looking you are if you're inwardly empty. Discuss! What happens if you're empty? How do you get empty? How do you begin to behave differently if you're empty? What do people tend to default to if they are? How do you start to refill if you're empty?*
- *DREAM: People filled to the brim till it overflows. What does that look like to you?*

#### WE NEED

- \* To get the WORD of God into us until it BURNS.
  - \* To get the TRUTH of God into us until it LIBERATES.
  - \* To get the LOVE of God into us until it MELTS.
  - \* To get the GRACE of God into us until it TRANSFORMS.
  - \* To get the SPIRIT of God into us until it OVERFLOWS.
- *Which of those particularly appeals to you and why? OR which of those do you most need in your life right now? What are those five in combination so powerful?*

**RESPONSE** = Where are you on continuum right now?

- a) Is it WOW what Jesus did FOR THEM?
- b) How badly I need Jesus to do that IN ME?
- c) Time for me to step into doing that FOR THEM?