

RESTORED

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OPENING

You Can Be Restored [Mark 1:40-45]

This world leaves each of us feeling inadequate and isolated. While all of us struggle in our lives, Jesus came on a mission so that we could be restored.

- Your situation isn't so hopeless that Jesus can't restore it.
- Mark 1:40-45
- Leprosy is a vivid illustration of what sin does to each of us.
 - distances religious life (Lev. 13:1-3), goes deeper than the surface (Lev. 13:3), spreads relentlessly (Lev. 13:5-8), makes one unclean (Lev. 13:44-45), isolates from community (Lev. 13:46), and deserves the fire (Lev. 13:52).
- Sometimes our situation becomes so desperate that we could care less about what others see as acceptable approaches.
 - Felt board
- Never question if Jesus can do it but only if He will do it.
- Jesus always embraces our mess before He cleans our mess.
 - Jesus didn't cleanse the leper until after He had touched the leper.
 - Jesus gave a hand instead of a handout
- Jesus intended to make disciples – not gather consumers.
 - Jesus never wanted to gather followers who merely sought temporal miracles.
- Jesus never expected us to obey before He changed us, but He does help us to obey after He changes us.
- If Jesus has truly changed your life, someone should know about it.
- We should never be fearful of getting into another's mess because Jesus was willing to get into our mess.
 - Back to felt board - move Jesus to the outskirts
- The only way the leper could be restored is because Jesus took His place.
- You can be restored because Jesus was condemned.

DAY 1 AM

DESIGN – Who Do You Say That I Am? [Matthew 16:13–23]

While everyone has an opinion of Jesus, we need God's truth more than we need our opinions. Instead of trying to edit the God of the Bible, we must learn to embrace the God of the Bible.

- Our culture worships the Wiki God. We want ever so desperately to serve a deity whom we have the freedom and capability to edit.
- The theological slogan for our culture is: "I just don't think God is like that."
- Matthew 16:13–23
- It doesn't matter what you or I think about God. It matters what God thinks about God.
- God doesn't accommodate personal opinions if they are incorrect.
- God made Peter in his image, and now Peter wanted to repay the favor.
- Stop trying to change Jesus and learn how to embrace Jesus.
- I don't want your version of Jesus. You don't need my version of Jesus. We just desperately need Jesus.

DAY 1 PM

Design – God’s Design for Your Life [Matthew 22:15–22]

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- Matthew 22:15–22
- The religious Pharisees and the political Herodians couldn’t stand each other but hated Jesus more.
- We live in a time when religious and cultural forces are hostile towards the work of Christ.
- Any item belongs to the one by whose image it has been stamped.
- Your money is stamped with the image of the government, but your life has been stamped with the image of God.
- Your stuff might belong to another, but your life belongs to God.
- A creation never works accurately unless it works according to the design of its Creator.
- You cannot follow Jesus by identifying with a defiant culture or a watered-down faith.
- Sin disfigures God’s image on us, but Christ came to give us a makeover.

DAY 2 AM

Broken – Why Do You Call Me Lord? [Luke 6:46-49]

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- All of us go through storms, but only some of us make it through them.
- Engaging biblical information requires study, but experiencing biblical transformation requires practice.
- Some of the most tragic lives are those who know the Word but fail to apply it.
- Our lives crumble when we fail to apply the truth from His Word.
- Most of the brokenness in our lives comes from our sin or someone else's sin.

DAY 2 PM

Broken – The Most Broken Part of You [Mark 2:1-12]

Living in light of the letdowns of this world, we desperately want Jesus to fix the broken parts of our lives. While we focus on specific areas we want Jesus to address, He is fully aware of the source of our greatest brokenness.

- Often we settle for something less than God's best for what we think is necessary
- More than you need God to work in your situation, you need Him to work for your salvation.
- The most broken part of you is your sin.
- We all need the kind of friendships that will get us to Jesus by any means necessary.
- Our closest relationships should have the right type of faith and the right amount of willingness.
- Our greatest need is not the one that is always the most glaringly obvious.
- We need forgiveness for our sins more than relief from our circumstances.
- The reaction of the crowd and the response of Jesus clarified the speculation – Jesus claimed to be God.
- While others' sins may complicate your current circumstances, your own sin has broken your eternal standing.
- You need Jesus to forgive you more than you need Him to fix you.

DAY 3 AM

Turn - Why Do You Want to Follow Jesus? [John 2:23-25]

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- If you only seek the benefits of Jesus, you will never experience the blessing of Jesus.
- Many people who believe in Jesus aren't believed by Jesus.

DAY 3

Adult Bible Study - Spiritual Amnesia

[Matthew 15:32-39]

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- If we look back over our shoulders at the faithfulness of our God, we will look forward in hope at the challenges that lie ahead.
- Spiritual amnesia is a dangerous condition of fearing the present situation by forgetting the past deliverance.
- Matthew 15:32-39
- Never let the problems of your life dilute your perception of Jesus.
- CHART
- They had previously seen God do more with fewer resources, and, confronted by a new set of obstacles, they were faithless in Jesus' ability to handle the situation.
- If we allow anxiety to paralyze us, we view our problems as too big and our God as too small.
- What in Jesus' past makes you think that He is unable to handle your future?
- How severe is your spiritual amnesia right now?

DAY 3 PM

Turn - The Turn That Will Decide Your Life

[John 3:1-18]

In our efforts to find restoration, there are many possible paths we could travel. While many voices will entice you to follow, only turning to Jesus will give you the life you were intended to live.

- There is only one turn that can save your life.
- John 3
- You can't follow Jesus discreetly for too long.
- The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23), and dead people can't do spiritual things (Eph. 2:1-3).
- You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe - and shudder (James 2:19).
- Demons have superior theology to us (James 2:19), and yet they are still destined to hell (Matt. 25:41).
- Salvation requires more than a mere mental acceptance of Jesus' work.
- You cannot understand John 3:16 without wrestling with John 3:14-15. You cannot understand John 3:14-15 without studying Numbers 21:4-9.
- Ambulance
- The bronze serpent provided life, but the perfect Savior provides eternal life.
- The symbol of our punishment became the instrument of our salvation.
- Saving belief is not passively accepting the Bible as fact, but desperately running to Jesus as Savior.
- God's love for you is not contingent upon your performance for Him.
- Jesus died for us while we were still sinners, not after we were sinners.
- Sin has struck us with a fatal blow - which way will you turn?

DAY 4 AM

Restore - Who Is This Man? [Mark 4:35-41]

Jesus slept through the storms that terrified the disciples. No situation is so great that Jesus can't handle it.

- How well can you stop a storm?
- Nothing intimidates Jesus.
- Mark 4:35-41
- If Jesus could stop the storm, He could have predicted the storm, and yet He led them through it anyway.
- The most caring thing Jesus could do was lead them through a storm that He could control.
- If you have to be in the storm, it's best to have Jesus in the boat with you.
- SCRIPTURE PAGE - great, great, great
- The disciples mistakenly feared a storm when they should have feared the one who could sleep through it.
- Jesus can even restore your storm.

DAY 4 PM

Restore - God's Grand Plan to Restore [Luke 24:13-35]

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- Luke 24:13-35
- Scripture Page - all the Scriptures
- The Bible is not a collection of disconnected, moralistic stories.
- The Bible is the one overarching narrative of how the cross of Christ will rescue a fallen people.

God created the heavens and the earth
Mankind rebelled trying to prove their worth
Sin escalated to the shedding of blood
God's wrath displayed in the form of a flood
Yet one was blessed to be a blessing
A nation promised, a Messiah coming
A people rescued out from slavery
The Law given to show their inability
Finally settled into the Promised Land
Yet the cycle of sin punished again and again
A kingdom established, kings took up the crown
Yet the greatest of men still let the people down
A nation divided while prophets warned in the streets
Until godless enemies came and administered defeats
A people in exile suffering with their guilt
A remnant returns, a city rebuilt

The people feared if they'd been left on their own
400 silent years before the answer was known

Glory to God and peace upon the earth
A Savior was given, a virgin gave birth
God in the flesh lived free from sin
Jesus conveyed grace and truth from within
Recognized as teaching with authority
Despised and rejected by the Pharisees
Christ crucified on the hill of Calvary
Exchanged righteousness for our depravity
Yet on the third day, the Savior would rise
Commissioned the disciples in his ascent to the sky
The Holy Spirit empowered, the gospel unashamed
The Church established, giving everything away
No amount of persecution could keep the message back
Paul was converted, proclaimed the faith he attacked
Among the nations, churches were multiplied
Letters were sent, doctrine and practice clarified
A revelation was given for though the future seems grim
Christ will return and we will be with him

- God is on a mission to restore, how will you join him?

CLOSING

Restored Strategy [Matthew 28:16-20]

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- Matthew 28:16-20
- We are called to make disciples – not converts.
- If there is a true profession of faith, there should be a true progression of faith.
- Growing in Christ will not happen by accident. What is your plan?

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