

Leaders Notes – Session 2

Title:- **The Ministry of Jesus.**



Introduction: When we look at the reality of who Jesus is and what Jesus came to bring we see that Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God came to bring full salvation into the lives of the lost. Even His name the name of Jesus means, “Yahweh is Salvation.” This is the name that was given to Him by an angel declaring that He will be the Son of the Most High, who would save people from their sins. (See Luke 1 v 26 – 37)

Discussion: How would you describe the salvation that Jesus brings?
What should we expect from that salvation today? (Feedback on flipchart)

Teaching Point 1 - The Salvation of Jesus.

Jesus came to establish for us a new life, in loving relationship and union with His Father and with Himself, through the Holy Spirit.

This salvation relationship saves us from all that would obscure and undermine the rich new life that Jesus wants to establish in our lives by His Holy Spirit. It includes the healing and freeing up of our character from damage and sick elements in the human personality, such as memories, damaged emotions, guilty consciences, behavior flaws, damaged self image etc.

Quote:- “If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, old things have passed away behold all things have become new.”

Jesus saw His ministry as a ministry of salvation. A ministry which would bring liberation, healing and salvation. This was in line with the whole idea of what the messiah would do.

Look up : Isaiah 61 v 1– 3 and Isaiah 53 v 4– 5

Answer Question: What are the signs of salvation that we find there?
What does it say the cross of Jesus has accomplished?

At the heart of the work of the cross we see Jesus has:-
Cancelled out sin and punishment for sin – for all those who will believe in Him.
Restored a right standing / relationship with God.
Destroyed and defeated ALL the works of the Devil (Colossians 2 v 14 – 15)
Defeated death and established the reality of physical resurrection.

We can pray in confidence because the death and resurrection of Jesus has conquered the devil, sickness and even death. It is clear people receive their healing in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and it is ministered to them by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Look up :** Acts 4 v 9 – 12.

Healing and wholeness does not come from us but we are called to pray and proclaim healing into the lives of others. God’s whole intention for the salvation He offers us through the Messiah is that it includes both healing of sicknesses and diseases and complete wholeness for people.

Just as God’s heart is revealed in the Old Testament as a heart which heals so we see Jesus expresses that same heart within His own ministry and life. This should be of no surprise for us that Jesus who is both fully God and fully man should demonstrate the unchanging nature of God’s salvation through healing.

What the Bible Says: Luke 4 v 16 – 22, v 28 – 41. Luke 7 v 20 – 23

The healings that Jesus did were themselves a visible message of the fact that He had come to set people free.

Discussion: How does the church express the message of Christ’s victory and freedom today through what it does? (feedback on flipchart.)

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