

CHAPTER 2

JESUS' JEWISH NEIGHBORHOOD

JESUS WAS JEWISH!

WESTERN CHY KINDA FORGOT THAT UNTIL THE 20th CENT. QUEST FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS.

2nd TEMPLE PERIOD

APOCALYPTIC HOPE

(GOD WILL DRAMATICALLY FIX THINGS... EVENTUALLY)

JEWISH DIVERSITY

SADDUCEES (No after-life; SAD - you see)
DOMINANT RELIGIOUS LEADERS

ZEALOTS - DOWN WITH ROME!
Remember SEPPHORIS

ESSENES JUDGMENT IS COMING!
Head for the hills! REPENT OR DIE!

PHARISEES OBEY THE TORAH AND THE ORAL TORAH
LAW KEEPERS
THERE IS A RESURRECTION YAY!

WHAT LED TO SPLIT BETWEEN JEWISH + CHRISTIAN

POST 70 C.E.

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

1 TEMPLE GONE

2 BECAME TEXT-CENTERED
3 PAUL'S MISSION TO GENTILES
WRITING ABOUT JESUS
EARLY CHRISTIANS
PHARISEES (only faction that survived)

JESUS QUESTERS

THE HISTORICAL JESUS...

1 WAS OBSESSED WITH THE KINGDOM OF GOD

2 WANTED TO RESCUE ISRAEL FROM CORRUPT LEADERSHIP + ROMAN OCCUPATION

3 WAS A TRUE THREAT TO THE POLITICAL POWER STRUCTURES

HIS DISCIPLES BELIEVED IN HIS RESURRECTION

4 HAD A SPIRITUALITY FOCUSED ON GOD AS ABBA

CAMP #1
JESUS BEFORE (7th century)

CAMP #2
ALL HISTORICAL JEW - NO MIRACLES, DIVINITY, OR MYSTERY

CHAPTER 3

ABBA SAYS, "DROP THE G"

GREAT STORY OF STUDENT INTERVIEW
AWESOME fits JESUS

"GOD HAS TO BE AT LEAST AS NICE AS JESUS."
TWEETABLE

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH SUFFERING?!?

attempt to answer
KINGDOM OF GOD
GOD'S ACTIONS TO FULFILL GOD'S PROMISES

OUTSIDE JERUSALEM
JOHN THE BAPTIST REPENT OR DIE!
VISIONS OF ESCHATOLOGICAL HOPE
JESUS FORGIVING, HEALING, THROWING PARTIES
THE TIME IS FULFILLED, REPENT, AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!

GOD IS ABBA (INTIMATE PARENT)
MoF - THE KINGDOM IS ARRIVING NOW
implications for RELIGION, POLITICS, + COMMUNITY
THIS IS ABOUT GOD, NOT ME!
SERMON ON THE MOUNT ACTUALLY DO IT!

THE CROSS TRANSFORMS POWER
US THEM POWER → God is -with-us POWER

KIN-DOM

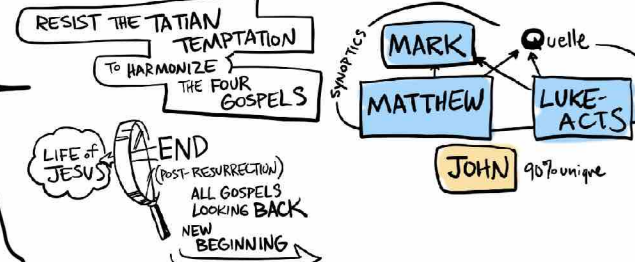
IT REMOVES THE PHALLUS AND THE CROWN

RESURRECTION

A PROMISE FROM GOD → CROSS-BEARER + KIN-DOM → IS GOD'S FINAL ANSWER TO CROSS BUILDING POWERS OF THIS WORLD

CHAPTER 4

READING THE GOSPELS HERESY-FREE



FOUR DISTINCT VOICES + PORTRAITS OF JESUS

MARK JESUS ISN'T A DEITY, CAME DOWN TO RESCUE US. HE IS A SUFFERING MESSIAH, OFFERING HOPE THROUGH A SACRIFICIAL LIFE + DEATH

MATTHEW JESUS IS A NEW MOSES, OFFERING FIVE DISCOURSES HIS LIFE + DEATH LIBERATE PEOPLE FROM SPIRITUAL CAPTIVITY

LUKE - ACTS THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE MAIN CHARACTER, JESUS LIFE + DEATH INAUGURATE THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT THAT LIBERATES THE POOR + OPPRESSED.

JOHN THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US. HE CAME TO SAVE NOT CONDEMN.

IMPLICATIONS FOR TODAY:

- THE GOSPELS WITNESS TO THE ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH THE RISEN CHRIST.
- THE HISTORICAL JESUS IS NOT THE OBJECT OF FAITH... GOD IS.
- THE HISTORICAL JESUS CAN ENLIVEN + CHASTEN OUR FAITH.
- THERE IS MORE THEOLOGICAL DIVERSITY THAN MANY CHURCHES ARE COMFORTABLE WITH.
- THE GOSPEL IS NOT AN IDEA, IT IS A HAPPENING AN EVENT.
- THE DISCIPLES REPEATEDLY IDENTIFY JESUS CORRECTLY WHILE COMPLETELY MISUNDERSTANDING THE CHRIST