

**DIS-MANTLING**





# Purpose of every sign and discourse done by Christ

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1 to **reveal**  
the nature of  
the Father

2 to **dismantle**  
false worldviews

3 to **transform**  
hearts

# Two prevalent religious world views

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**Religious  
worldview**



- Rule follower
- Morally upright

**Rejected  
worldview**



Due to sin, they  
can't enter the  
Presence of God



**Every time Jesus  
preaches and teaches,  
He is dismantling  
one world-view and  
reconstructing another.**



Now the **tax collectors** and **sinners**  
were all drawing near to hear Him.

LUKE 15:1 (*ESV*)



# Luke 15:1

→ In the 1st Century, **tax collectors** were Jews who paid Rome for the right to gather taxes from their own country men.

→ **‘Sinner’** is marked as a class of people that were deformed, diseased or whose job is one that the Jews would have considered irreparable.

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**Where the True Gospel is being preached, even tax collectors will draw close to hear.**

# How Jesus dismantles false mindsets

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## 1. Parable of **THE LOST SHEEP**



<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?

<sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

*LUKE 15:3-6 (ESV)*



# How Jesus dismantles false mindsets

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## 1. Parable of **THE LOST SHEEP**

→ Jesus is saying to both the religious leaders and the tax collectors that if one of these tax collectors repents, God will rejoice more in that man's repentance than in all their ritual purity.



# How Jesus dismantles false mindsets

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## 2. **PRODIGAL SONS**

*(verses 11-32)*



<sup>11</sup> And he said, "There was a man who had two sons.  
<sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.'  
And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

*LUKE 15:11-13 (ESV)*



<sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

*LUKE 15:14-16 (ESV)*



# How Jesus dismantles false mindsets

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## 2. **PRODIGAL SONS**

*(verses 11-32)*

→ To refuse sonship to the Father almost completely guarantees slavery to something else.



<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

*LUKE 15:17-19 (ESV)*



<sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

*LUKE 15:20-24 (ESV)*



<sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.'

*LUKE 15:20-24 (ESV)*



But he was angry and refused to go in.  
**His father came out and entreated him,**

LUKE 15:18 (*ESV*)



# **Encounters with Jesus**

# **Rejected Worldview**

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<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

JOHN 4:16-18 (ESV)



# Encounters with Jesus

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## 1. JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

- Jesus aggressively pursued her heart.

**Because to expose her deepest pain is to reveal to her that she needed a Saviour.**

- She tried to deflect the question and tried to debate theology.
- The very issue that caused her to go into hiding became the thing that propelled her into her mission.



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## 2. JESUS AND THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY



She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said,  
"Neither do I condemn you; go, and from  
now on sin no more."

JOHN 8:11 (ESV)



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## 2. JESUS AND THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

- Law can only punish the wrongdoer, but love can put the wrongdoer right. Love will always be able to go further than law.
- The Light of the World (*John 8:12-59*)

**Light does two things: it hurts and it helps.**



# Encounters with Jesus

# Religious Worldview

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**JESUS WITH NICODEMUS**



Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

JOHN 3:3 (ESV)



# Encounters with Jesus

# Religious Worldview

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## Jesus with Nicodemus

- Jesus Christ's call to the new birth is not a call to morality and religion; it's a **challenge** to morality and religion.
- Christianity is not an addition to what you've done. It's a **brand-new birth**.
- Jesus does not offer to make bad people good, but to **make dead people alive**.



# What happened to Nicodemus?

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## John 7

### **The leaders wanted to arrest Jesus**

- We still don't know if he was a committed follower then, but something was changing in his heart.

## John 19

- They went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.
- They anointed the body.

**The Gospel gives you that unique combination of boldness and humility.**