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Angalia na Kuishi

YOHANA 3: 12-18A, HESABU 21: 4-9

Nikodemo alikuwa sehemu ya baraza. Sanhedrin ilikuwa Baraza Kuu, au mahakama, katika Israeli ya zamani. Sanhedrin ilikuwa zikiwemo za wanaume 70, pamoja kuhani mkuu, ambaye aliwahi kuwa rais wake. wanachama alikuja kutoka kwa makuhani wakuu, walimu wa Sheria na wazee, bali hakuna kumbukumbu ya jinsi wao walichaguliwa.

Wakati Yesu alikufa msalabani, kwamba alikuwa kuonyesha kamili na makubwa ya upendo wa Mungu. Haiikuwa ajali messy; haiikuwa Mungu kuruhusu mbaya kutokea kwa mtu mwingine. msalaba ni moyo wa ajabu picha mpya ya Mungu ni nani Yohana. Lakini baya kuponywa haraka-kama ilivyokuwa-moja kwa moja. Just kwa sababu uovu lurks kirefu ndani ya kila mmoja wetu. Kwa ajili ya uponyaji kuchukua nafasi yake, ni lazima sisi wenyewe kushiriki katika mchakato. Hii haina maana sisi tu na kujaribu vigumu sana kuwa nzuri. Unaweza pia kujaribu kufundisha nyoka kuimba! Wote tunaweza kufanya-tu ilikuwa ni wote wa Israeli hawakuweza kufanya-ni kuangalia na imani: kuangalia Yesu, kuona kwake kuonyesha kamili ya upendo wa Mungu unaookoa, na kumwamini N.T. Wright (2002).

Kusema "Naamini," kwa mfano, alama tofauti kati ya maisha na kifo. Maneno yetu inaingia hadhi na mvuto katika mazungumzo na Yesu. Kwa Yesu haina kulazimisha wokovu kama ufumbuzi; yeye anasimulia wokovu katika kuwa kupitia mazungumzo leisurely, karibu sana mahusiano binafsi, majibu huruma, maombi passionate, na-kuweka yote pamoja-kifo cha kidhabihu. Hatuna casually kutembea mbali na maneno kama hayo. (E. Peterson, 2002).

Wiki ijayo: Yesu-hakuna mtu wa kawaida

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Look and Live

JOHN 3:12-18A, NUMBERS 21:4-9

Nicodemus was part of the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was the supreme council, or court, in ancient Israel. The Sanhedrin was comprised of 70 men, plus the high priest, who served as its president. The members came from the chief priests, scribes, and elders, but there is no record on how they were chosen.

When Jesus died on the cross, that was the full and dramatic display of God's love. It wasn't a messy accident; it wasn't God letting the worst happen to someone else. The cross is the heart of John's amazing new picture of Who God is. But evil isn't healed fast—as it were—automatically. Precisely because evil lurks deep within each of us. For healing to take place, we must ourselves be involved in the process. This doesn't mean we just have to try a lot harder to be good. You might as well try to teach a snake to sing! All we can do—just it was all the Israelites could do—is to look and trust: look at Jesus, to see in Him the full display of God's saving love, and trust Him N.T. Wright (2002).

Saying "I believe," for instance, marks the difference between life and death. Our words accrue dignity and gravity in conversations with Jesus. For Jesus doesn't impose salvation as a solution; he *narrates* salvation into being through leisurely conversation, intimate personal relationships, compassionate responses, passionate prayer, and—putting it all together—a sacrificial death. We don't casually walk away from words like that. (E. Peterson, 2002).

Next week: Jesus - No Ordinary Man!

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

Nikodemo ilikuwa kukwama katika 'hadithi chini'.

Yesu alizungumza kutoka "hadithi juu."

Je, sisi kupata kushikilia mtazamo wetu wenyewe?

Je, kuna kitu Yesu haionekani kuelewa?

Yesu inachyesha moyo wa Mungu katika maoni yake.

John 3 kusema na wewe ni nini?

Wakati kusikiliza jinsi Yesu interacts na watu ...

... Je, kujifunza kuhusu yeye?

Yeye alikuja kwa wote, lakini dini na wakati mgumu.

Hakuna nyoka kuzunguka, lakini ni nini?

Ni kitu kinachokuzuia kuangalia kwa Yesu?

Tafuta: Tazama juu! Angalia kwa Yesu sasa, na kuishi!

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

Nicodemus was stuck in the 'lower story'.

Jesus spoke to Nicodemus from the 'upper story'.

Do we get fixated on our own perspective?

Is there something Jesus doesn't seem to understand?

Jesus reveals God's heart in His comments.

What part of John chapter 3 speaks to you?

When you listen to how Jesus interacts with people...

... what do you learn about Him?

He came for all, but the religious had a hard time.

No poisonous snakes around, but what is?

Is something keeping you from looking to Jesus?

Look up! Look to Jesus now, and live!