THE JESUS SCANDALS

Part 8: *The Shocking Sorcery*

Introduction – Looking Beneath The Surface

The 3 Functions of Miracles…
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Matthew 16:9-10 & Mark 8:18-21
Matthew 12:24; Mark 3:22

Building Up People, While Tearing Down Religion

1) His _____ Authority & Power.

Mark 1:32-34
Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39
Mark 9:1-29

TAKE OUT: Jesus is in a _____ category.

2) His stunning _____ for biblical boundaries.

Matthew 8:2-4

TAKE OUT: We must radically remove _____ to community.

3) His enraging _____ of "us & them" distinctives.

Luke 4:24-30
Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

TAKE OUT: _____ is a key mark of a Christ-follower.
And loving your enemy means _____ their needs.
Matthew 5:9, 38-47

4) His contemptuous _____ for religious tradition.

John 2
John 5:1-18
(Nehemiah 13:15, 19; Jeremiah 17:21-22, 27)
John 9
Leviticus 15:8

TAKE OUT: Tradition must _____, not _____, faith.

TAKE OUT: The main issue is not sufficient _____,
but willingness to bow to God.

5) His complete _____ of institutional religion.

Mark 2:1-12

TAKE OUT: Forgiveness should always be _____.

Conclusion – Moving From Evidence To Action

John 7:17

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS…

WARMING UP…

1. After reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, perturbed, perplexed, or encouraged you.
2. Now, without looking at your notes, discuss in your own words the different ways Jesus used his healing ministry to simultaneously build people up and tear religion down. That is, how would you respond to someone who asked what the mission of Jesus was?

LOOK TO THE BOOK…

3. As is obvious from the events of **John 9**, the Pharisees were neurotic about keeping Sabbath regulations. (Also see **John 5:9-10, 16**.) So here's the question… a) Today, is it OK for Christ's disciples to eat at Kelsey's on Sundays? What about mowing your lawn? What about shopping at an open Wall-Mart? What about making a long distance phone call? Is there anywhere we should draw the line? b) Read **Colossians 2:13 -17** and discuss its relevance to this conversation. c) According to **Colossians 2:14** (also see **Ephesians 2:14-15**), besides our sin, what else was nailed with Christ to the cross? d) How can we best maintain the principle of a weekly "Sabbath" without becoming legalistic about it? Share your ideas.

SO WHAT?…

4. What area of your life needs healing, whether it be physical, relational, or psychological? What can you do to help create wholeness for yourself and others? Pray for each other's healing.