

Exile & Hope

Intro:

- Lenten Series: “The Story of God, The Story of Us” - will be looking at key moments throughout Scripture, beginning to end, that show that it's all ONE Story with a ‘scarlet cord’ of love running throughout it. Talked so far about:
 - Creation (Tree)
 - The Fall (Ladder)
 - The First Passover/Exodus (Door with Frame)
 - Moses= Red Sea, Mt.Sinai=Law, 40 years of wandering in the desert
 - Joshua; Judges, Israel in the promised land and the cry for a King
 - Looked at 1st King (Saul) and today look at the last king (Jehoiachin), and long story short, the whole human King thing basically doesn't go so well
 - Cycle - king (and the people) do what is evil in the sight of the Lord...good king here of there when get back on track, but then a generation later, king does what is evil in the sight of the Lord...
 - Civil War - king of northern kingdom, king of southern kingdom

Tension: We want our own way; our choices/sin separates us from God, who longs to be in intimate relationship with us; animal blood and sacrifices bring about short-term cleansing and right relationship; what the world needed was an atoning sacrifice that could bridge the gap between God and man forever, and only one who was God and Man could serve as that kind of intermediary; what the world needed was Jesus; what WE need is Jesus

2 Kings 24:8-14

- Describes the end of human kingship with Jerusalem being besieged and King Johoiachin sending out the white flag and being taken into exile to Babylon
- May shock you, but guess what, Johoiachin did what was evil in the sight of the Lord
- Some of the events described in these verses should sound familiar as they are depicted in the Book of Daniel as well!
 - ONE story; Scarlet cord!

2 Kings 24:8-12

2 Kings 24:13-14

Isaiah 53

- ‘Gospel of Isaiah’ - but basically, just ‘the Gospel’
- Isaiah 53 Referenced 30 times in the New Testament
- Passover - blood made a way for Israelites; Jesus’ sacrifice, blood made a way for us to be reconciled with God

Isaiah 53:1-3

- Pain, grief, infirmity= Hebrew word ‘choliy’= sickness, disease, sadness
- Familiar with pain, physical and mental
 - Anything we go through Jesus understands completely
- Despised and rejected
 - Same contempt that people had for lepers was the same that they had for Jesus during the crucifixion (Unclean, total avoidance, hiding children, etc.)

Isaiah 53:4

- Matthew 8:14-17
- 1 Peter 2:18-25

Isaiah 53:5

- Peace = Sozo = 'Shalom'
 - Only Through Jesus' sacrifice, we are afforded the opportunity
 - Peace is central; peace that supasses understanding that guards our minds and hearts in Christ Jesus
 - Jesus sleeping in the boat kind of peace

Isaiah 53:6

- 'Laid on him', like priest hand laid on scapegoat to take away the sins on the day of Atonement; scarlet cord, sent into wilderness

Isaiah 53:7

- John called Jesus the Lamb of God in John 1:29, 36
- Jesus not open his mouth - verdict was already cast; minds made up; nothing he would have said while people yelling 'crucify Him' would have turned the tide

Isaiah 53:8-9

- "No deceit in his mouth"
 - No lying, stretching the truth, no misleading, gossip, slander
 - Tongue sharper than a two edge sword

Isaiah 53:10

- The will of the Lord is completed through Jesus
- The name of Jesus

Isaiah 53:11-12

- "Took up" sins, made intercession for us and erased the debt owed
- Poured out his life
- Intercession