

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, March 27, 2016

Sermon Series: Easter - Unbelievable

Key Passage: John 3:16-18 (ESV)

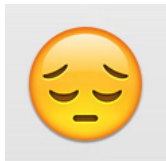
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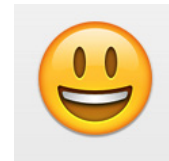
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When people come to the story of Jesus, they trend toward to reactions:

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1. Everybody believes something.
2. Everybody does life according to what they believe.
3. What we believe can hold us back or set us free.
4. Everybody can change what they believe.

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

A. Jesus was clear on His mission

46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.
(John 12:46 ESV)

B. His followers were clear with theirs

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:30-31 ESV)

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What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

A. Some are scoffers. (Friday people)

39 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” 41 So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, 42 “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” 44 And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. (Matthew 27:39-44 ESV)

B. Some are skeptics. (sort-ofs - Saturday people)

9 Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. 12 After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. 13 And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. (Mark 16:9-13 ESV)

C. Some are “surely-s”. (Sunday people)

38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!” (Mark 15:38-39 NIV)

D. All “surely-s” become sons and daughters.

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. (John 1:12-13 ESV)

How do I become a surely?

6 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 ESV)

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” (John 3:14-15 ESV)

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. (John 3:17-18 ESV)