

Jesus continues, today, his habit of completely surprising people... Jesus is the kind of guy that you either love Him or you hate Him. Jesus always provokes the strongest reactions in people; that is, if you really understand Him. That's how you know you've seen the real Jesus. You're offended. Up until that point, you haven't really encountered Jesus. Most people in our culture are either bored with Jesus; think He's irrelevant; "he's nice"; kind of apathetic, and that proves they've never understood Him. When you really get Him, He either makes you so mad you want to crucify Him, or you fall so helplessly in love with and dependent on Him that it radically realters your life. But there is no lukewarm, wishy washy reaction.

Up until now Jesus has lived a very normal life. He's about 30. He's single. He's worked in his dad's business of carpentry. He's not really been noticeable at all.

Luke 4:16-30 ¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, (see, Jesus went to church every Sunday) and he stood up to read.

¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,* (this is an 'on the spot' sermon. You read the text that is given to you and then you reflect on it.

- Probably very few of you had the experience of this... recently I was at a leadership conference and a friend of mine and I both spoke for the main sessions and then all the conference attendees were going to break-outs and so my friend and I decided to go get coffee... so we're walking out to the parking lot and someone runs out the door and says "Dr. Greear, aren't you on your way to your seminar?" Sure... I was just going out to check on my car... so he's walking me back, I have no idea what I'm supposed to speak about... but I don't want to admit that, so I'm like, "How did they list the title of this seminar?" Leading your church to be evangelistic... Before I tell you what I think, tell me what you think."
- They hand the scroll to Isaiah and Jesus says, "Hmm... what can I preach from Isaiah here... oh, I know... I'll do a prophecy about Me. He reads the text and says, 'This reminds me of the time when my dad sent me to earth.' Jesus said:

¹⁸ "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,* ¹⁹ *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*" ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.

- That's all. Jesus did not preface it with, "Isaiah says." He just reads it in the 1st person. "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon ME, because he has anointed ME to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent ME to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,*

And then He sits down. This part is awesome: **And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.** Can you feel the awkward moment? They are looking at Him... and He's like, "Oh yeah, (²¹ **And he began to say to them,**) **"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."**

²² **And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.**

- This is a positive reaction... I mean, the people of Israel had been waiting for this. A guy who could heal their sick people; proclaim liberty to the captives and set at liberty those who were oppressed (they were captive to Rome-- Our people in prison, he will free. Our oppressed nation he will release from captivity and renew its strength.); to announce the favor of God...? Today is the day. This is the year God will show favor and grace on his people.¹

But their admiration and wonder quickly gives way to unbelief... **And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"**

¹ Butler, T. C. (2000). *Vol. 3: Luke*. Holman New Testament Commentary; Holman Reference (63). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

- Joseph, the carpenter guy? Isn't this the son of the guy who made my kitchen table? And didn't we go with that guy Judah because Joseph's prices were too high? This guy is so ordinary.

²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown."

²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

- 1 Kings 17:8–16. Israel was being punished for its idolatry. Elijah gets sent to this widow from Phoenicia; she's not a Jew. She's a woman; she's a widow; she's a Gentile; she's poor. That's 4 strikes. Yet she is the one who received the mercy of God.

²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

- 2 Kings 5:1–14. One of my favorite Bible stories... He was a Gentile soldier. An enemy of Israel. A leper. He received mercy.

²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

- He's telling them stories about their enemies being loved by God. These people he's bringing as an examples are the kinds of people subjugating them now.
- Is there anybody you hate so badly that you don't want God's mercy to be shown to them? I'll take that awkward silence as a yes. "Lord, please don't let Coach K ever become a Christian."

²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.

- How's that for a reaction to your 1st sermon? I've gotten some pretty ugly letters here over the years after various sermons I preach. I've been called all kinds of names and been accused of all kinds of things. I usually don't respond to the really mean ones but I keep them in a file and I plan on showing them to Jesus when I get to heaven and asking him to respond. But up until now, I've never had anyone try to throw me off of a cliff after a sermon. There's always a day for firsts. Please don't let that be today.

³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

- I love that. I get the image here of like when Elmer Fudd would be wrestling with Bugs Bunny and Bugs Bunny slips off and Elmer Fudd is left in a cloud of dust fighting with himself. Jesus was fully in charge of his own schedule.

1. Jesus' Kingdom included people of other ethnicities

- Jesus had not just come for the Jews... from the very beginning (tower of Babel)
- Acts 2
- The Jewish people had a problem with that, because they were, like all of us, naturally a little racist
- People are racists for two reasons
 - Racism arises out of insecurity
 - Preference
- Jesus' Gospel would cure racism because it showed us that there was nothing about us that earned God's favor—we are all sinners, and God's favor is given to us as a gift that we receive.
 - Peter had racist tendencies... when Paul corrects Peter he says to him, Galatians 2:14, "Peter, think about how Jesus received you."

- And when you realize that, that commonality becomes more weighty to you than your preferences. It's not that you don't have cultural preferences, it's just that Gospel unity matters more than cultural preference.
 - There is a group of people here who are my heroes. We know that to be a good testimony to the city of RDU we need to be diverse... we have a group of African-American believers here who have come even though we are not always the style some of them grew up with. They have told me consistently, "I can handle the style differences here because I love the Gospel." They are my heroes; the Gospel matters more to me than personal preference.
 - Let me say something to you whities: If you are going to be part of a multi-cultural church, then you are going to be things you don't like and prefer, but you're going to love the unity and beauty of Christ's body more than you love a preferred style. A lot of people want to be part of a multi-cultural church in theory, as long as that means everyone conforming to your style.
 - Bill Hybels?

2. Jesus' Kingdom included people with dark pasts and present sins

- Everybody thought Jesus would come and reward the righteous. And when you see him start to include the outcasts; those who hadn't kept up your standard, that ticked them off. Nothing ticks off a rulekeeper like seeing people who don't keep the rules rewarded.
- Think about it like getting into a school.
- You say, "Yeah, but that wouldn't be fair." Right. But the truth of the Gospel is that none of us come anywhere even close to earning God's favor.
 - That's what the story of Namaan was about: Leprosy. Leprosy is a disease we have a cure for now, but back then it was devastating. Your skin would die and rot and just fall off. Hear about the 2 lepers playing hockey? They had a faceoff in the corner.
 - Menstrual rags
- We all were lepers and filthy. Behavior modification didn't really deal with pride and selfishness and hate and judgmentalism.
- I've been in religious contexts all my life and seen that the real sins—pride, hate, selfishness—those things can be just as present, if not moreso, in religious circles.

3. Jesus' movement was not a political movement

- Jesus didn't fix the world by planting a new Christian nation. That's what they wanted!
- I am for righteousness in our government; I think there is a role for God's people to call for justice and righteousness in our government laws. That's what it means for us to be salt and light. God created this world and while we would never want the government to mandate that people worship Him—because that kind of thing cannot be mandated—we do need to conform our laws to how He has set up the universe, which are based on respect for the individual, respecting their freedoms, respecting life... while I believe in all that, I also know that Jesus' kingdom was not primarily about a new nation, but a change of human hearts.
- Our problem went deeper than something politics or education could fix. Our problem was in our hearts.
- Our root problem is that we don't love God. How do you fix that? You can't mandate it? What if your parents had said, "LOVE her!"
- Jesus' kingdom would start out small... compared it to a seed. That seed would grow to be a huge tree. Example: Ever seen a massive slab split by a seed. You couldn't break with a sledge hammer. It would have massive ramifications, even political. Undid slavery; rights for women; created a just society. Ultimately, in heaven, there will be the most just, fair society we could ever conceive. God's shalom.
- But it didn't start there, it started small, in the heart.

4. Jesus would not immediately right all wrongs and end all suffering

- Let me take you to another passage
- **Luke 7:18–33**...Context: Jesus is doing all these amazing signs. He's healing diseases; raising the dead... but John the Baptist, we find out, has been put in prison.

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

- What is behind that question? Jesus, you're doing all this stuff, but I'm in *prison*? Did you forget?
- Some of you ask the same question: Lord, why am I still suffering? Why aren't I being rewarded?

²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." (i.e. doesn't lose His faith in God because of what I didn't do that you thought I should do.)

- Here's the thing: Jesus doesn't answer His question. He says, "Well, it's obvious that I have this kind of power. But I'm not explaining to you why I don't do everything like you think I should."
- Do you remember a couple of weeks ago I told you that real faith arises at the intersection of the inexplicable and the undeniable? Real faith occurs when the inexplicable meets the undeniable.
- Let me tell you how this has played out for me. I've had lots of questions all my life. I try to be open with you about them
 - How could God be a Trinity?
 - Why is there a hell?
 - Why does the Bible teach so clearly that Jesus is the only way?
 - Why did God allow what happened in Japan to happen?
 - Why did God allow this or that to happen in my life?
- But on the other hand, I see that Jesus really is who He says He is. That the Bible is true seems so obvious to me. I don't know any plausible explanation for the events of Jesus' life other than that He was who He says He was. I've read Dr. Ehrman's and other skeptics take on the life of Jesus and their explanations for how the earliest Christians came to believe Jesus raised from the dead and they just seem so contrived.
- It seems obvious to me that their reasoning for not believing in the resurrection has little to do with the evidence for the resurrection and more to do with their objections to the implications if the resurrection of Jesus is true... namely that there is a God and He was giving salvation in Christ and they don't see how that could be in light of all the suffering in the world, or it doesn't seem fair.
- I have reasons and answers I can give for most of those questions now... what's going on with the Trinity and how hell is fair and what God is doing in suffering... But at the end of the day my faith has always rested on the inexplicable meeting the undeniable.
- **Deuteronomy 29:29:** "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."
 - What that means is that there are things that God has revealed to us about Himself which we are to hold on to and to *obey*; and then there are *secret* things God hasn't enabled us, for whatever reason, to see at this point. And while we are free to ask questions about God, we should never let those questions make us doubt or disobey the things that God has revealed clearly.
- Let me share you with a chapter that I have memorized recently that has brought so much peace into my life: **Psalms 131:** ¹ O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. ² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.

- What that is saying is that there's a time to question; and there's a time just to believe; a time to sit silently before the Father and just rest that He is God and that what He says about Himself and me and the world are true.
- In some ways we are, in relation to God, like kids... My kids often do not understand why I make them do certain things. "Dad, why *can't* we play with a hair dryer in the tub?" "Dad, why can't we take off our seatbelts and hang our heads out of the window as we drive down the interstate? Dogs do it and they're fine." But I have my reasons for my rules, and the fact that their toddler minds don't get some of my ways doesn't bother me at the moment. Sometimes I just have to say, "Sweetheart, there's just some things you can't grasp yet, and for now I need you just to trust and obey daddy."
 - We get that as parents: sometimes our kids need to just trust us because our understanding of the world is so much greater than theirs... but which do you think is greater... the gap between my 4 year old's understanding of reality and mine, or my understanding of reality and God's? *Of course, mine and God's.*
- So, there is a time to just rest in God's truth... even when you can't put it all together. And some of the greatest blessings come from knowing when and how to question and when simply to rest and to trust.

Let me explain to you something about Jesus' miracles

- Jesus did not go around pulling rabbits out of hands or levitating or catching bullets in his teeth; Keller: not a departure from the natural order, but a return to the natural order. Not done to show off the naked fact of his power, but to reveal the redemptive purpose of his power. His miracles showed that God's kingdom is light, not darkness; justice, not exploitation; love, not hate; generosity, not selfishness.
- **He sketched out in pencil what one day He'd paint in indelible ink (NT Wright)**
- Why? Because Jesus was interested in a deeper issue than world hunger or even an end to suffering.
- Fascinating thing about Jesus: Jesus stopped his miracles if they got in the way
 - John 6: You're missing the point. It's not that I can end all world suffering, which I can, and I just proved that... but that I am the bread of life for your souls because I restore you to God!
 - Luke 12:13-14 resolve this issue between my brother and me... legitimate social complaint. Jesus said, "This is not my primary mission. Yes, I want social justice. But, my main mission here is that is your heart learn to love God; and so rather than resolving their issue he preaches to them a sermon about greed (12:16-21).
- ???Did you notice how many times the word "proclaim" was used? Jesus' work was mainly one of proclamation. Proclaiming a message of salvation that He would accomplish on the cross by substituting for us and paying the price for our sin... a message that needed to be believed.

5. Jesus was focused on heart change, not external obedience

- Consistently he will teach that love for God and others in the heart is the goal: God cares not just that you act righteously, but that you love righteousness. He'll say things like, "It's not enough that you don't murder; the point is loving people; having so much love for others that you even love your enemies."
- This actually might help you understand why He didn't immediately end all injustice and pour out lavish rewards for faithfulness in this life. Listen: If there were too much immediate reward, what would happen? We would serve God for the reward, not because we loved righteousness. If God gave 1 million dollars... people would come to Jesus not for love of Jesus but for love of a million dollars.

- What God is after are people who do righteousness not because there is a tangible reward in it for them, but because they love righteousness and love God. God is Himself their reward.
 - You guys realize that what God is going to give you in eternity makes a million dollars look like chump change... but it is just separated enough that you have to perceive it by faith and your coming to Jesus in this life will have more to do with a love for Him than a love for reward.
 - The same with healing; blessing... that's why it's absent sometimes. God wants to know if you search Him for Him and Him alone. The only way to tell is to sometimes deprive you of blessing.
- No one ever turns down the physical healing of Jesus... but many people rejected Him when He revealed His primary work was the unite people to God. That's because they care more about healing of body than restoration to God.
 - If Jesus is a means to a whole body, I'm interested. If He's a means to knowing God, not that interested. I value physical healing, blessing, liberation from oppression more than God. God will have NO other idols before Him.

Let's go back to Jesus' words: ¹⁸*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."*

- The best news for the poor is that God is restored to them. God Himself is a treasure to them more valuable than anything else life can give to them; a poor man with Jesus really has, everything... a rich man without Him is really poor

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives;

- The greatest liberty He speaks of is liberty from the love of sin.

and recovering of sight to the blind

- The greatest blindness is not being able to see the beauty and glory of God. The greatest healing is to be able to see the gloriousness and awesomeness of God.
- The greatest blessing in your marriage is not to have a perfect spouse, but for you to be satisfied with God as your treasure so that you don't depend on your spouse to do what God should do.

¹⁹*and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

- The Lord's favor is what does all those things. Understanding that God's favor is given to me as a gift that Christ purchased is what produces a new heart in me...
 - When my daughter thinks I'm mad at her, she avoids me. When she knows I show her favor, when I light up when she walks in the room and say, "let's take a picture that's so cute..." she runs to me. Same with you and God.
 - The love of God for you creates love for God in you
 - John Bunyan
 - My main message is about the year of God's favor for you. It's not because of who you are or what you've done, but it's a gift, given to you solely because of what Christ purchased for you.

One quick word of caution before I close: because I've explained to you this priority of spiritual over physical, this doesn't mean we disconnect from problems of the world

- Like Jesus, we give signs, too...
- Sometimes these signs are natural; sometimes supernatural... how else will they know? Eastway elementary: I've always known you Christians believed you should love your neighbors; I've never seen what it looked like until now.

- Proclaiming and demonstrating always go together.
 - HOPUD: I want many of you to go overseas and live this way...
- Also doesn't mean we don't take to God our requests for physical healing; deliverance from oppression. Jesus loves to heal and He loves to deliver. He doesn't change. That's what He was then in the business of doing then; it's what He is in the business of doing now.
 - Sometimes people talk like God doesn't care about your pain of oppression or your physical healing (He just cares about your soul)... That's idiotic! Jesus in the Gospel can hardly resist someone who is suffering who is in front of Him. He doesn't change... go to Him now! He cares. You might find the same miraculous power in Him now that He demonstrated then!
 - He might have a reason to say "No," and you should just trust Him, that He loves you and has His reasons... but you just might find He'll do for you what He did for so many back then, so go to Him and ask Him!

Conclusion: These people tried to throw Jesus off of a cliff because He was so different than they thought He'd be and they just didn't believe He could be from God even when He demonstrated so clearly that He was. The inexplicable met the undeniable, and they denied the undeniable rather than accepting that some things about God and His ways might be beyond their comprehension right now. God's ways might be higher than theirs. We all have a crisis where some things about God don't make sense, and over here you've got such clear evidence that it really is from God. And you have to choose to accept what you can't always explain or to deny what is so clearly undeniable. These people to stick with their expectations rather than submit to God's revelation. They rejected the inexplicable and denied the undeniable.

That is what Sam Harris and Bart Ehrman and Richard Dawkins are still doing. What will you do?

Others in Jesus' audience that day were too proud to see that they needed a Savior and so Jesus ticked them off so they tried to knock Him off. Is that you? Does Jesus seem irrelevant to you because you just don't see how badly you need forgiveness and to be restored to God?

Open your eyes to the Kingdom! It's here. But you may miss it because of pride and unbelief. Humble yourself, and believe. That's the invitation!

Bullpen:

Luke 5:27–32 ²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸ And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. ²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰ And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Well, Jesus begins to do miracles.

⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.

He has extraordinary power. And they are really happy about it. But then he begins to challenge their religious traditions (Sabbath)—minutiae (Pharisees were in, everyone else was out). And He taught them that obedience to the law was not enough (the law says “don’t murder”... I say love...)

And then He starts to call the strangest people to His side. And people start to question Him (why do you hang out with the wrong crowd)... and He says:

³¹ And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
³² I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

And there’s something else... it is true that Jesus heals a lot of people, but there are some things He doesn’t do:

Luke 7:18–33

If you have this kind of power, why am I still in prison?

Jesus doesn’t answer question.

Inexplicable meeting undeniable

4 Surprising things about Jesus’ Kingdom

- It included people of other ethnicities
 - Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus was always going after the outsider: Zacchaeus; The Good Samaritan
 - Racism is fully natural
 - Humility and faith are the only real things he looks for.
 - 2 main reasons people reject Jesus:
 - too proud to admit they need a Savior (they don’t need forgiveness because while they know they are not perfect they are pretty sure they are among the better of people)
 - 64% of Americans think they are going to heaven and less than 1% think they are going to hell
 - they think that they are running life pretty well on their own
 - unbelieving: that God really would forgive them as a free act of His grace

- Wherever faith and humility are, there is the Gospel
- One of the ways *that* shows itself is in racial diversity, because the color of your skin and your racial preferences having nothing to do with believing the Gospel
- One of the signs of people who get the Gospel is they begin to embrace diversity... there are 2 reasons we gravitate toward people like us
 - We are always looking for things that set us apart
 - Racism arises when...
 - The unity in Christ begins to matter more than cultural preferences. The beauty of Christ means more to us than cultural preferences. If you are going to be part of a multi-cultural church, then you are going to be things you don't like and prefer, but you're going to love the unity of Christ's body more than you love a preferred style.
 - **There is a group doing that on a weekly basis**
- **It included people with dark pasts and current struggles**
 - He came to call the sinners, not the righteous
 - The sick... Levi; the prostitutes; in chapter 5 you have the calling of Peter
 - This was completely upside down, because nothing else works this way:
 - Cp to how people apply for a school... He came not to call the smart...
 - Imagine how mad that makes you... When you are a rule follower, nothing makes you madder than the idea that God loves someone who doesn't follow the rules just as much as you.
 - The truth was that all of us were lepers... and so recognizing that was an asset
 - They didn't see their need of Jesus as a Savior because they didn't see themselves as Namaan or the poor widow Gentile woman with nothing. These are the worst things. They saw those things are all judgment. And they don't see themselves as under judgment. That's what ticked them off... is that they didn't see themselves as under judgment.
 - We write these people off...
 - If dependence is the goal, weakness is an asset
- **It was not a political movement or a world healing crusade**
 - Jesus didn't fix the world by planting a new Christian nation. That's what they wanted!
 - He didn't end all of the world's problems (that's why John the Baptist is still in prison)
 - Signs
 - But he never completed it. He sketched out in pencil...
 - PROCLAIM
- **It emphasized heart affections, not external obedience.**
 - Not that you acted righteously, but that you loved righteousness. A love that not only didn't murder, but loved people; so full of love that it even loved its enemies.

Which is why this starts off declaring the favor of the Lord. The favor of the Lord is what produces this kind of heart change.

Let's go back to Jesus' words: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives; and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

God's favor is good news to the poor: it fills up their souls with the riches of Christ and gives them something more valuable than anything else life can give to them;

- Not that he just gives them money, but something better. God.

God's favor proclaims liberty to the captives: setting us free from the love of sin (replaces our drive for sin with a greater passion)

God's favor helps the blind recover their sight by giving us eyes to see the glory of God (the greatest blindness is not being able to see the beauty of God)

- Faith produces a new heart...
 - When my daughter thinks I'm mad at her, she avoids me. When she knows I show her favor, when I light up when she walks in the room and say, "let's take a picture that's so cute..." she runs to me. Same with you and God.
 - The love of God for you creates love for God in you
 - John Bunyan
 - The point is not dumbing down Christianity... "It's all about love."
 - No, it's about the year of God's favor
 - Gospel to you... a gift
- One caution: because of this priority of spiritual over physical, this doesn't mean we disconnect from problems of the world
 - We give signs, too... sometimes natural or sometimes supernatural... how else will they know? Proclaiming and working all go together.
 - HOPUD: I want many of you to go overseas and live this way...
 - Doesn't mean we disconnect God from other types of captivity, just don't make it ultimate.
- Two reactions to the Gospel in every generation
 - Pride and unbelief
 - Faith...

Open your eyes to the Kingdom! It's here. But you may not miss it because of pride and unbelief.

- Religious captives too

~~Today I'm going 4 things about Jesus that were surprising... Most people were offended by Jesus... (2 reactions... People had an extraordinarily strong reaction to Jesus... The whole Christian claim is built on the idea that Jesus was who He said He was, or who the Apostles said that He was.)~~

~~Others of you have seen hypocrisy~~