

Key Idea: While mostly we agree on the values of the Jesus Revolution, many in society today have separated those values from the person of Jesus, and it's produced a lack of meaning. Sharing the Gospel with those who already believe, but don't know Jesus, is the only solution to The Meaning Crisis.

I. Faith.

- A. Some people say faith means believing what you can't prove.
- B. But we all believe in thing we can't prove.
- C. Viktor Frankl said happiness comes from meaning and purpose.
- D. We are all believers, but what do we believe in?
- E. It's Pontius Pilate asking Jesus, "What is truth?"

II. We all agree...

- 1. Equality, Compassion, Human Rights, Rule of Law, Innovation, freedom, progress.
- 2. Are these things that can be proven by math or science?
- 3. Can they be proven by deep dives into ancient human history?
- 4. Can they be proven by secular humanism?

III. The Jesus Revolution

- A. Jesus authored the greatest revolution in history.
- B. But He didn't seem like a revolutionary.
- C. A carpenter turned iterate preacher changed the world, and brought truth.

D. Two views of life: Pilate vs. Christ.

- 1. Pilate represents Rome, a brutal empire.
- 2. Ideas like equality and compassion would have been alien to Pilate.
- 3. Jesus' vision of life, meaning and glory could not be more different than Pilate's.

E. Rome crumbles, Jesus conquers

IV. Jesus comes to make all things new/

A. His line in the movie, The Passion.

B. Isaiah 43:19. "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

C. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 Paul put it this way. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

D. Revelation 21:5 "He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then in the vision, Jesus turns to John and says, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

V. The Word of the Cross

- A. The message of the cross changes everything.
- B. '1 Corinthians 1:18-19 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'"(ESV)
- C. All nations are blessed by the Jesus Revolution.
- D. Genesis 26:4 "I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed." Genesis 26:4
- E. Psalms 72:17 "May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. Then all nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed."

VI. The Fallout from Separating Jesus from His values.

- A. The Meaning Crisis
- B. Anxiety and depression. 35% of young people say they have a mental health issue.
- C. Teens report more isolation and fragmentation.
- D. Thoughts of suicide are up.
- E. Where are we headed?

- F. GK Chesterton: "When men choose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing, they then become capable of believing in anything."

VII. Applying the Word

- A. Share the Gospel of Christ.
- B. People believe, but they don't know Christ.
- C. Famous new atheist, Ayaan Hirsi Ali and "Why I am now a Christian."
- D. The Gospel provides something Secular Humanism cannot ... a cosmos of meaning, purpose, and life,
- E. Mark 9, "I believe, help my unbelief."

VII. The Lord's Table

VIII. The Benediction

Hebrews: 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.