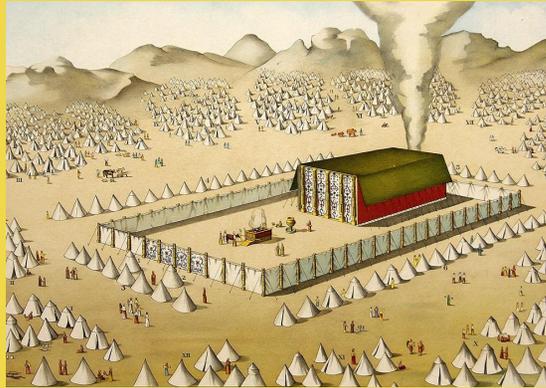


Jesus Heals Many - Part 3

1. **Did you learn anything new about Jesus? If so, what?**
2. The tabernacle was a special tent that Moses and the people of Israel carried around with them in the wilderness for forty years. Every place they stopped they would set it up and then, as God had instructed, all of the tribes set their tents up in order facing the Tabernacle (Numbers 2:1-16). Inside the tabernacle there was a place that was completely covered called the Holy of Holies where a special box (the ark of the covenant) was placed. That is the place God chose for His presence to dwell. When it was time to leave, they would pack up the tent and travel with the Levites carrying the ark in the centre of their procession. (Numbers 2:17-34)



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What do you think this reveals to us about how God wants us to live our lives?

What are some ways to practically keep God at the centre of your life and day?



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3. Fun Fact: In John 1:14 'the Word' is a reference to Jesus,

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is the only place in the New Testament that the Greek word eskēnōsen (dwelt) is used and it means, 'I dwell as in a tent, encamp, have my tabernacle'

After forty years of wandering in the wilderness, God's people finally followed Him into the promised land. Years later David's son Solomon built God a permanent dwelling place, called the temple.

What did Jesus mean in John 2:19 when He said,

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again?"

(Look at John 2:21 for help.)

How do you most often picture Jesus, as the table turning, whip wielding Jesus or the Jesus who gently and patiently cared for the sick and hurting? Why?

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4. 2 Corinthians 6:19,20 says,

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honour God with your body.

If your body is the temple where God dwells, do you think he is pleased with what He sees in your heart or are there any 'tables' he might feel the necessity to overturn?

John said in the monologue that part of what made Jesus angry was that the priests were making it impossible for people to be in right relationship with God.

In 1 Peter 2:9 we are called 'a royal priesthood'.

Are you a 'priest' who makes it simple or more difficult for people to come to Jesus? For example, is your selfishness, pride, fear of man, foolishness, apathy, criticism and greed making it difficult for people to 'taste and see that the LORD is good'? Or, is your generosity, sacrifice, humility, wisdom, graciousness, kindness and compassion attracting people to the Jesus you serve?

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