

October 11th, 2020

The Third Act
The Cross
Pastor Billy's Notes

Big Idea: The third act of a movie or play completes the story and/or offers resolutions or answers. It ties together the narrative elements that came earlier. Weaknesses shown in the first act are overcome in the climax of the third act. In the same way, Jesus is the climax of the story of Scripture. This week we continue to look at the life of Jesus and the things he did and also the things that he has said. This he said about himself and about one of the most precious things in this world.

Intro: In Chapter 25 - We are given the question "Who is Jesus?". How did He answer, how did they answer and how do you answer?

1. A Decent Fellow, A Demented Fool, A Deceiving Fraud, A Divine Friend, Our Death Defying Savior, Quadratus wrote to Emperor Hadrian, "The works of our savior were lasting for they were genuine. Those who were healed and those who were raised from the dead were seen not merely while our savior was on earth, but also after his death they were alive quite awhile so that some of them lived even to our day."

2. The first time you heard of Jesus.

Jesus loves the little Children all the little children of the world red and yellow black and white they are precious in his sight Jesus loves the little Children of the world.

Jesus loved them as God loves them.

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children. – Proverbs 17:6

Psalm 127:3-5 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." – Luke 18:15-17

"Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." – Luke 9:46-47 (also Mark 9:35-37)

Matthew 18:1-5 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

6. Matthew 18:10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

1About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom? Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. 3Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. 4So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

5"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf

is welcoming me. 6But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Closing - Today we are joined by the Indiana coalition against Sex Traffing and they will be closing off our service to let us know how, what, and where we can help in this fight for our Children.

Saturday we team Up with A21 Ministries and Dayton United Methodist Church in the fight against Human Slavery.