

i. God dealing with evil in Jesus' Ministry

1. Jesus' healings

- a. He touches a leper is not infected; instead the leper is cured
- b. He touches the woman with the issue of blood and is not rendered unclean; instead she is healed
- c. He touches a corpse and is not made unclean; instead the corpse is raised to life
- d. On the cross he identifies with the failed cause of the rebels and his death brings in the kingdom their violence could not.

2. Jesus' table fellowship with sinners

- a. He celebrates the coming Kingdom with all the wrong people.
- b. The right people are incensed because they cannot imagine God redeeming and rescuing such people and making them fit for the kingdom
- c. Lost sheep are not found by accident; they are a priority of God
- d. Zacchaeus is redeemed by Jesus' presence at his table and home
- e. He shares the shame and pain of rebels on the cross although he is innocent. In bearing evil Jesus exhausts it.

3. Jesus models Israel's role for Israel

- a. He is the light to the world
- b. He is the city on the hill
- c. He is the servant

