

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: This Is Us – Heir Apparent

What's this message about?

Every great story has a point that ties the beginning to the end. It is the part of the story that helps us understand the past and look forward to the future. The Bible story is a great example of this. We have seen how God, through covenants and interactions with key Old Testament characters, has communicated His desire to reestablish what was lost during the fall, in Eden. His plan to redeem mankind finds its definition in this newest and last covenant established by His son. The content of the covenant is the fulfillment of every prior covenant: people, place, presence, deliverance from sin and death, establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. Christ, in becoming the new Adam, explains where we have been, where we are going, and who we are. Though the story is not over yet, God, through Jesus, has put all the pieces in place for a glorious future that includes the promise: ***And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them"***

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *Read Jeremiah 31:31-34: In what ways does this Old Testament promise point to Jesus?*
- *In what ways is Jesus a "prophet, priest and king" and how do these roles help to illustrate God's redemptive plan?*
- *How does gaining a better understanding of this New Covenant through Christ help us to gain a clearer picture of who we are in God's eyes?*

Do something about it:

God, throughout the Old Testament, was providing demonstrations of His love and practical illustrations of His redemptive plan. Take a few moments to look up and reflect on the following scriptures. Use them as a reminder of how important you are to Him and an affirmation that He has a plan and that plan has always been for your good.

Digging deeper:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 1:1-16; John 1:19-34; 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:24-26; Hebrews 1:1,2; Hebrews 9 ; Isaiah 53; Revelation 21:1-7