

Jesus the Healer

Our friend would start with the account of creation

- He would discover first that we were created out of Love
 - God did not make us out of boredom
 - God did not make us so that he would feel good about being worshiped
 - That we were made in the image of the creator
 - “Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, ^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Gen 1:26
- Man is the pinnacle of Gods Creation
 - Our friend would understand that he was created to worship God, to delight in him.
 - Also that God delighted in making man to be with in the garden of Eden.

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Our imaginary friend would not have to read for much longer to see man rebel from God.

- He would understand that because of our sin we would be cast from his presence
- He would find out that God is just through reading the story of Cain and Able.
 - “Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Gen 4:13-14

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A conviction would begin to set in with our friend

- He would see that he himself is a sinner
- He would begin to understand the place that he is in
 - Being apart from God is as good as death.
 - “O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are in agony. My soul is in anguish. How long, O LORD, how long? Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love”. Psalm 6:1-4

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- What we find in the OT testament is a desperation of creation to be with God again.
 - What we read about this in the new testament is
 - “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God”. Romans 8:18-21
- Our friend would see these glimpses of God’s salvation, healing, redemption
 - The first indication of God’s healing to be revealed is Exodus 15:25-26
 - “There the LORD made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them. He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

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- God desires man to be fully reconciled to him.

This is where our friend would encounter the prophecies in the old testament.

- Our friend would well up with excitement from reading in Isaiah 53:4-6
 - “Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all”.
- Our man would rejoice “God is going to provide a way back to him!
- Our man would also feel remorse. He may say “In my sin I have created the need for this messiah to bear the weight of my sin”
 - “Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer” Isaiah 53:10

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Here is what is being revealed to this man

- “Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen”.
Romans 16:25-27.

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Our man would read John the Baptist
proclaiming the kingdom

The baptism of Jesus

- The Spirit of God descending on Jesus
- The Father making claim to Jesus as his Son
- Our Friend now is at what I see as one of the climaxes to the story of creation.

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He would read through the Gospel and see Jesus Start to Preach, call the disciples, and then go right into healing people.

- “Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, teaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them”. Matt 4:23-24

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In Chapter eight of Matthew

- He healed the man with leprosy, the centurions servant, Peter's mother in law, then people who were demon possessed on three different occasions.

When Our man Goes through the rest of the bible he would see

- The lame walk
- The blind see
- The sick made well
- The dead come to life

What is happening is the Character and the role of Jesus is being revealed. This is part of the very mystery that we read about in Romans.

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Jesus says this regarding why he is here

- “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” Luke 4:18-19

This is Why Jesus came!

- It is God’s Love for us that provides us a way back to him.

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What would be going through the head and heart of our man reading and discovering these things?

– In turning towards God he would understand he was the brokenhearted, blind, lost, lame and that now HE IS HEALED!

- He would remember back to Isaiah 53 “By his stripes we ARE healed”
- “I was dead but now I am Alive”
- His understanding of this would cause all to pale in comparison to being restored to a right relationship with God.

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- Here is the Point
 - Jesus IS Healer. Jesus walking around and healing revealed his desire to Fix what was broken, to fix who was broken.
 - Healer is who Jesus is!
 - Creation didn't wait for someone just to go around healing.
 - Creation waited for the healer. It waited for Jesus.
 - Jesus heals because it is his desire to see complete emotional physical and spiritual healing to take place.
 - This is what the Alliance was founded out of
 - The Desire for Jesus, not the "It".
 - Read from the best of AB Simpson, p.7