



STUDY GUIDE
February 16-17, 2019

Series Overview: Jesus didn't come to this planet to enhance an old religion. He didn't come just to make bold proclamations and offer wise teachings. From the moment an angel told Mary she would give birth to a Son whose 'Kingdom would not end,' it was clear: Jesus came to introduce something new, not to extend something old. He came to replace something that had been in place since the time of Moses, and our world hasn't been the same since.

Watch	Introduction
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>"Women's Studies"</u></p> <p>The sermon is up on the spac.ca website Monday of each week.</p>	<p>Jewish culture in the 1st century was decidedly patriarchal. A woman's place was thought to be in the home. Generally marrying young, a woman was almost always under the protection and authority of a man: her father, her husband or a male relative of her husband if she was a widow. This left women in a very vulnerable position within Judaism.</p> <p>In the area of religious practice, women were in many ways overlooked. Men were required to pray certain prayers daily, but women were not. While the study of Scripture was regarded as extremely important for men, women were not allowed to study the sacred texts. But Jesus defied the cultural norms regarding the treatment of women... He did it in multiple ways and multiple times – this has HUGE implications for us.</p>

Engage
<p>Scripture: Luke 8:1-3; 10:38-42; John 4:1-26</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you could summarize the sermon in one minute, what would you say? 2. Describe how early family and church experiences shaped your understanding of gender roles, specifically those of women. 3. How might one reconcile Jesus liberating treatment of women with the Apostle Paul's 'silencing' texts? 4. What are your personal 'take aways' from this past weekend's message? 5. How has this discussion challenged you about further study?

Pray	Announce
<p>For eyes to see if we have put love of 'temple' ahead of love for people.</p> <p>For people to find Jesus for the first time during this series.</p> <p>For baptism participants</p> <p>For a new freedom from addiction to pornography in our culture (and especially for those attending the Reveal Conf)</p> <p>You can request prayer any time PRAYER REQUESTS.</p>	<p>Baptism Weekend Feb 22/23</p> <p>School of Discipleship Retreat – Feb 22/23</p> <p>Reveal: Understanding and responding to a sexually exploitive, pornified culture Mar 8/9</p> <p>Check out: www.spac.ca/events</p>

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