

## Storylines

1. Ramah
  - a. Returning Ramah back to her home & dealing w/grief – flashbacks:
    - i. Peter – Feels like he is failing as leader – Jesus tells him to do what he needed when he lost his baby – just be with him (his presence)
    - ii. Mary Magdalene – guilt for not keeping eye on Ramah. Tamar says nothing could have stopped evil in Quintus’ heart.
    - iii. John – James, Peter, John question why Jesus chose to resurrect Jairus’ daughter & not Ramah. P – God’s ways aren’t their ways (Is 55:8-9). We need to trust the God who walks on water.
    - iv. Thomas – remembers moments w/Ramah, then embraced by John. He & John were on the 2x2 together. 1<sup>st</sup> time away from James. He was jealous.
  - b. Kaphni shows up with his relatives to collect the body.
    - i. Refuses to let Thomas help bury her
    - ii. Thomas admits he failed to keep her safe, but she died pursuing Jesus
    - iii. K curses Jesus & vows to expose him.
    - iv. Simon Z stops his vitriol.
2. SEVERAL MONTHS GO BY. Heal demoniac, teaching, ... Jerusalem - GRAFFITI
3. Times to come – Little James & Thaddeus & Jesus reminisce over when it was just the 3 of them & it was simpler
  - i. Little James has an uncomfortable intuition.
  - ii. Jesus acknowledges that they will leave soon for Jerusalem
4. Gaius promoted & protects Jesus by disposing of reports about his preaching
  - a. Calls in Peter & Matthew
    - i. Tells Jesus in trouble – Pharisees edict & Atticus pressure
    - ii. Tells he is beginning to believe
    - iii. Explains his past infidelity & feelings of unworthiness
  - b. Peter & Mathew take Gaius to Jesus
    - i. He falls on his knees & asks him to heal his servant
    - ii. Tells him he doesn’t need to go for him to be healed, is not worthy
  - c. On way home, he buys presents & then celebrates with his family & removes idols
5. James & John ask for seats at Jesus’ right & left hand – at Salome’s urging
  - a. Disciples – flabbergasted
  - b. Jesus – taken aback & walks off
    - i. He explains very clearly what will happen in Jerusalem
    - ii. Explains the disciples have leadership & authority in his kingdom, but it is not like Gentile leadership, but is servant to give his life.
    - iii. Disciples are confused
    - iv. Jesus tells them to go on & he will catch up. He prays Psalm 38
    - v. Gaius comforts Jesus

## **Theme**

1. Last shall be first and first shall be last
  - a. Gaius & Quintus reversal
  - b. Disciples
    - i. “important” disciples - bickering in Peter’s house
    - ii. “lesser” disciples – 1<sup>st</sup> to recognize what Jesus is going thru & what is ahead
  - c. Gaius’ worthiness – by his humility & faith, he is very worthy.
  - d. James & John consider themselves worthy to sit beside Jesus, which makes them not worthy.
2. Disciples don’t get the true nature of Jesus’ authority & mission
  - a. Peter – thinks need to be strong to help Thomas, but best way was humble & mundane ministry of presence.
  - b. James & John – try to elevate themselves – Jesus has to spill the beans about future, but they fail to grasp what he is saying
  - c. Gaius – Thinks Jesus can fulfill his mission while avoiding conflict, teaching on outskirts of city.

## **God’s thoughts.**

### **IS 55:8-9**

8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways—oracle of the LORD.

9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

## **Healing of centurion’s servant.**

### **Mt 8:5-13**

5<sup>c</sup> When he entered Capernaum,<sup>\*</sup> a centurion approached him and appealed to him,

6saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully.”

7He said to him, “I will come and cure him.”

8The centurion said in reply,<sup>\*</sup> “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.

9For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come here,’ and he comes; and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

10When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel<sup>\*</sup> have I found such faith.

11<sup>d</sup> I say to you,\* many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven,

12but the children of the kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”

13And Jesus said to the centurion, “You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you.” And at that very hour [his] servant was healed.

#### **John 4:46-54**

46<sup>s</sup> Then he returned to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. Now there was a royal official whose son was ill in Capernaum.

47When he heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was near death.

48Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe.”<sup>t</sup>

49The royal official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

50Jesus said to him, “You may go; your son will live.” The man believed what Jesus said to him and left.<sup>u</sup>

51While he was on his way back, his slaves met him and told him that his boy would live.

52He asked them when he began to recover. They told him, “The fever left him yesterday, about one in the afternoon.”

53The father realized that just at that time Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live,” and he and his whole household came to believe.

54[Now] this was the second sign Jesus did when he came to Galilee from Judea.<sup>v</sup>

#### **Ambition of James & John.**

#### **Mark 10:35-45**

35<sup>n</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

36He replied, “What do you wish [me] to do for you?”

37They answered him, “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.”

38<sup>\* o</sup> Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

39They said to him, “We can.” Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

40but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

41When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.

42\* Jesus summoned them and said to them,<sup>p</sup> “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt.

43But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;

44whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

45For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

### Psalm 38

1A psalm of David. For remembrance.

I

2LORD, do not punish me in your anger; in your wrath do not chastise me!<sup>a</sup>

3Your arrows have sunk deep in me;<sup>b</sup> your hand has come down upon me.

4There is no wholesomeness in my flesh because of your anger; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.<sup>c</sup>

5My iniquities overwhelm me, a burden too heavy for me.<sup>d</sup>

II

6Foul and festering are my sores because of my folly.

7I am stooped and deeply bowed;<sup>e</sup> every day I go about mourning.

8My loins burn with fever; there is no wholesomeness in my flesh.

9I am numb and utterly crushed; I wail with anguish of heart.<sup>f</sup>

10My Lord, my deepest yearning is before you; my groaning is not hidden from you.

11My heart shudders, my strength forsakes me; the very light of my eyes has failed.<sup>g</sup>

12Friends and companions shun my disease; my neighbors stand far off.

13Those who seek my life lay snares for me; they seek my misfortune, they speak of ruin; they plot treachery every day.

III

14But I am like the deaf, hearing nothing, like the mute, I do not open my mouth,

15I am even like someone who does not hear, who has no answer ready.

16LORD, it is for you that I wait; O Lord, my God, you respond.h

17For I have said that they would gloat over me, exult over me if I stumble.

IV

18I am very near to falling; my wounds are with me always.

19I acknowledge my guilt and grieve over my sin.i

20My enemies live and grow strong, those who hate me grow numerous fraudulently,

21Repaying me evil for good, accusing me for pursuing good.j

22Do not forsake me, O LORD; my God, be not far from me!k

23Come quickly to help me,l my Lord and my salvation!

And a last thought from Terry:

### 1 Peter 3-9

3\* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,c

4to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for youd

5who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

6\* In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials,e

7so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.f

8Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,g

9as you attain the goal of [your] faith, the salvation of your souls.