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SPEAKERS

Sarah, John

S Sarah 00:00
All right, so we're diving into something kind of different this time. Jesus's second preaching tour.

J John 00:06
This was really interesting. Yeah, it's

S Sarah 00:08
laid out in the Urantia Book, right, right, yeah. And we're talking excerpts from paper 149 Yes. And, you know, I think when we think about, you know, spreading a message back then, we think about, like, the sandals and sermons, you know, just wandering around, yeah, lone

J John 00:23
voice in the wilderness, exactly.

S Sarah 00:26
But this was a full blown operation. It spanned three months, multiple cities, involved over 100 people. It's

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J John 00:34
more like an ancient marketing campaign when you think about it seriously.

S Sarah 00:36
It was meticulously planned and executed,

J John 00:39
yeah, and it's fascinating to consider the historical context. We're talking roughly 28 ad, okay, Galilee, under Roman rule, already a political and religious pressure cooker, right? And then you've got the Pharisees, known for their strict interpretation of Jewish law. They were already eyeing Jesus with suspicion. Oh, yeah. They

S Sarah 00:59
must have seen this massive tour, been like, Okay, this is getting out of hand, precisely.

J John 01:03
This wasn't just about the scale, it was about the message itself, right? This is a time when challenging the established religious order, that's that's a risky move,

S Sarah 01:11
to put it mildly, yeah. So imagine the scene, dusty roads, bustling crowds, and at the heart of it all, Jesus and his disciples trying to spread this message that was, well, pretty revolutionary for

J John 01:25
the time, absolutely. And it must have taken incredible organization to pull it off, yeah, for sure. And the Urantia Book actually highlights this, okay? It mentions David Zebedee, one of the apostles, essentially acting as a project manager, coordinating travel routes, managing supplies, making sure everyone was on message. Wow.

S Sarah 01:43
So like, if they had papyrus spreadsheets back, then he'd be like the guy with the stylus, you know, absolutely. Yeah, this picture keeping everyone on track.

J John 01:52

 John 01:52

But what's remarkable is that this logistical feat wasn't just about efficiency. It was about reaching as many people as possible with this message of love and compassion

 Sarah 02:01

in a world that desperately needed it precisely, and they often delivered that message in ways that directly challenged the norms of the time, which I think brings us to this whole unconscious healing thing. Unconscious healing, huh? That sounds a little I don't know, like out there, even for us. So how did this work? How does even Jesus heal people without realizing it? You know what I mean, right?

 John 02:24

Well, it's definitely one of the more fascinating things we find in the Urantia Book, right? Yeah. So picture this. People are being healed just by being near Jesus. Wow. But the Urantia Book says Even Jesus didn't always know it was happening. It wasn't always on purpose, more like just him being there was enough.

 Sarah 02:41

Okay? So it's not like he's walking into a room thinking, All right, time to heal. It's more subtle, I guess, very

 John 02:47

much so. And the Urantia Book doesn't claim to have all the answers, but it offers some clues. Okay, it suggests there were three main ingredients for this unconscious healing to work.

 Sarah 02:58

Three ingredients, huh? All right, I'm listening Lay it on me.

 John 03:01

What were they first the person had to have real strong faith. But, and this is important, the Urantia Book says it wasn't just about getting their body healed. It went deeper, deeper, how they longed for, like spiritual wholeness, this desire to connect to something bigger, not

 Sarah 03:17

just my knee hurts, fix it, but more, like my soul hurts, help me exactly.



John 03:22

And this deep desire, this yearning, it seems to have made them open, receptive to this healing power that the Urantia Book says flowed from Jesus.



Sarah 03:32

Interesting, okay, that makes sense. But faith alone doesn't cure everything, does it? Something more must have been happening exactly.



John 03:38

That's where the second ingredient comes in Jesus's own compassion, deep compassion, and what the Urantia Book calls his creative power, right? He



Sarah 03:47

wasn't just being nice. He had the like metaphysical ability to exactly



John 03:50

we're talking about a being who, according to the Urantia Book, was deeply, deeply connected to the Divine with the unique ability for healing. So you've



Sarah 03:59

got the person's faith, Jesus's own compassion and power. What's the third thing? This is where it gets really interesting, right? It



John 04:06

is the Urantia Book suggests it's the combination of those two things, human desire meeting divine will, that allowed for these healings to happen, like a circuit, almost. Wow.



Sarah 04:16

So if this kind of healing was possible back then. I mean, what could be possible now? What does this say about our own faith, our own potential? You know,



John 04:26

those are fantastic questions, and they've fascinated people for centuries. Makes you think right about belief and the mysteries of healing, for sure. But while Jesus's ability to heal was amazing, we can't forget he wasn't just there to fix bodies. He challenged societal norms too.

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Sarah 04:41

Oh, yeah. And one of the biggest examples of that has to be his treatment of women, which was radical for the time. I mean, we're talking about a time when women were basically what second class citizens, right? It was patriarchal society, for sure. And Jesus just turns that on its head completely. The

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John 04:57

Urantia Book talks about how he included women as. Disciples. Wow, really teachers, even he sent them out to spread his message unheard of back then, yeah, I'm gonna say, in fact, the Urantia Book says, Get this rabbinical law at the time, thought it was better that the words of the law should be burned than delivered to

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Sarah 05:15

women. They would rather burn their holy texts than have a woman

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John 05:19

teach 'em. That's how deeply ingrained it was. Wow. So

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Sarah 05:22

Jesus is out there saying, Nope, these women are my equals. They're gonna teach alongside me. Bold. Move,

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John 05:28

incredibly bold. And it wasn't just about rocking the boat, you know? It was deeper, right? The Urantia Book shows us Jesus as this, this embodiment of love and compassion, right? Everyone deserves respect, gender status didn't matter. So

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Sarah 05:43

by saying women are equal, he's actually trying to lift up everyone, exactly. And



J John 05:47

this connects to a big theme with Jesus. Actually, it wasn't about rigid dogma, it was lived experience, compassion, love, that's the guide.

S Sarah 05:56

This is like he was saying, You're so busy following all these rules, you forgot what it's really about, love, compassion, that's the heart of it all. Yes.

J John 06:03

He challenged the status quo constantly. Look inward. He said, find that connection to the divine. Let love drive you, which,

S Sarah 06:11

honestly, we could use a little more of that today. Don't you think timeless

J John 06:15

message Absolutely And speaking of timeless wanna dive into some specific teachings? Yeah, let's do it. The Urantia Book gives some really practical advice even now on things like anger, contentment, fear, those

S Sarah 06:27

are big ones, even 1000s of years later. Let's start with anger. We've all felt it, but I'm guessing Jesus had a more, shall we say, evolved. Take on it.

J John 06:36

You could say that the Urantia Book says angers like spiritual friction, out of alignment with ourselves, and the damage isn't just to others. It eats us up inside. Holding

S Sarah 06:46

onto anger is like, what's that saying? Holding onto a hot coal, you're the one who gets burned. So how do we deal with it? According to Jesus, well, the Urantia

J John 06:54

Book says he told his followers to fight anger with love. Easier said than done sometimes

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Sarah 07:03

anger, a lot of times it comes from fear, right, feeling threatened, but love, real compassion. That means seeing beyond ourselves, seeing that shared humanity

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John 07:14

exactly, and that takes effort, right? You know, looking past our own ego, connecting to something bigger, which actually leads us to another, teaching contentment in our world of like instant gratification, always comparing ourselves, finding contentment's Tough. Oh,

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Sarah 07:27

tell me about it. We're constantly chasing the next thing, the next dopamine hit. What did Jesus say about all that? It's interesting.

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John 07:34

The Urantia Book talks about how he told his followers to find joy in the present, appreciate what you have now. But, and this is important, he didn't mean just settle, okay, good. He was still all about striving, growing, making the most of what we've got, but from a place of peace, not this constant sense of, I need more. Find

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Sarah 07:54

joy now, but still reach for more. Man, that's a tough needle to thread. What about fear? Then that can really paralyze us

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John 08:02

big time. The Urantia Book actually says Jesus tackled that head on, especially the fear of God, which was huge back, oh for sure. So what did he have to say about that? The Urantia Book is very clear. God isn't someone to be scared of. He's a loving parent, someone to embrace. And the right response to that kind of God isn't cowering. It's love, unconditional love,

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Sarah 08:23

powerful stuff. So if our faith, our relationship with the divine, isn't about being afraid, what's the foundation love,



John 08:31

plain and simple, love for Well, everything, the divine, ourselves, everyone, that's where real faith comes from, courage and yeah, even that lasting contentment we were talking about. It's



Sarah 08:41

a beautiful idea, isn't it, and it makes you realize, even though it's been 1000s of years, what Jesus taught that core stuff, love, compassion, forgiveness, connecting to something bigger, it matters just as much today, absolutely.



John 08:53

And as we wrap up this deep dive, it's clear Jesus' message wasn't just for some folks in Galilee, way back when, it was for everybody. It's for us.



Sarah 09:01

It's a challenge to look inward, live with more compassion, more purpose, and to approach Well, everything, especially our faith, not with fear, but with love. And on that note, we'll let you continue your own deep dive into the Urantia Book and the teachings of Jesus until next time. Keep those questions coming. Keep searching and keep exploring.