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SPEAKERS

Sarah, John

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Sarah 00:00

Welcome back to another deep dive. We're diving into a fascinating period today, the weeks following Jesus's resurrection, as told by the Urantia Book, and focusing specifically on what the apostles went through, you know, their experiences in Galilee.
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John 00:14

Yeah. You know, it's interesting that period after the resurrection. It often feels a little vague, you know, but the Urantia Book, it really fleshes out those appearances of Jesus, especially those in Galilee. Lots of details there, right? And
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Sarah 00:27

one detail I find really interesting is, you know how the Urantia Book describes the apostles decision to go back to Galilee after everything that happened in Jerusalem, it's like they just, I don't know they needed that familiar space, that comfort, especially after all that trauma.
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John 00:40

It makes sense, though you really think about it. I mean, Jerusalem, that's where their leader was crucified, where they were in hiding, afraid for their lives. It's understandable that they would long for Galilee, for that peace, that sense of solace, totally
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Sarah 00:54

it's such a human thing, isn't it, that need to be grounded in what's familiar, especially when everything's been turned upside down. And with Galilee, it wasn't just any familiar place for them. That's where their journey with Jesus really began, the Sermon on the Mount, the healings, the call to follow him. So many of those key moments Exactly.

J John 01:13

It's like they were drawn back to the source, you know, back to the roots of their faith, looking for comfort, for grounding amidst all that uncertainty. So they're

S Sarah 01:21

back in Galilee, and we can't talk about this period without mentioning, of course, the miraculous catch of fish right on the Sea of Galilee. But the Urantia Book, it gives us this whole other way to understand what happened.

J John 01:34

It does. The Urantia book's take is really interesting. It suggests that it wasn't a supernatural miracle in the traditional sense, but that Jesus, in his post resurrection state, he had this heightened awareness, this pre knowledge of the natural world, like he just knew where the fish were, and he was guiding them based on that knowledge. So instead

S Sarah 01:51

of breaking natural laws, it's more like he was operating on a deeper understanding of them, a level of awareness we just don't usually have,

J John 01:59

right? And this whole idea of pre knowledge that the Urantia Book talks about, it makes you think, right? Well, like what we might see as supernatural, maybe it's just a more profound understanding of how things work beyond what our senses usually pick up. Speaking

S Sarah 02:11

of things beyond ordinary senses, we gotta talk about Peter. The second he realizes it's Jesus on the shore, he jumps right into the water. That's our Peter classic

J John 02:20

Peter, and the Urantia Book captures that impulsiveness so well. And it's also the moment we see John Mark again. who remember had left

S Sarah 02:28
the group earlier? Oh, right? John Mark, I bet that was a little awkward, right? You'd

J John 02:33
think so. But here's where the Urantia Book adds something really interesting. It says that John Mark returned boldly, totally confident they'd accept him back. It really shows you the power of forgiveness, of reconciliation in this early community. It's like

S Sarah 02:48
experiencing that level of forgiveness from Jesus firsthand, allowed John Mark to then seek forgiveness from others. It's such a beautiful detail speaks volumes about transformation. You know,

J John 02:59
absolutely, it highlights the core of what Jesus was about, that love and acceptance, and how it rippled out to those around him. And

S Sarah 03:04
speaking of inspiring, the Urantia Book describes these one on one conversations Jesus has with the apostles after breakfast, almost like personalized guidance for each of them.

J John 03:14
It's remarkable how the Urantia Book really emphasizes how deeply Jesus understood each disciple, their personalities, their struggles, everything. It wasn't just a blanket message. He knew what each of them needed to hear.

S Sarah 03:26
Can you give us some specific examples? Yeah. So

J John 03:29
for example, the Urantia Book says that Jesus specifically talked to Peter and John about the importance of love. Maybe he sensed that potential for rivalry, for disagreement between them and then with Andrew and James the focus shifts to trust which makes sense given their more

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Sarah 03:47

that's amazing. It's like he could see their strengths, but also the potential pitfalls, and he addressed them with such love and wisdom Exactly.

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John 03:54

It underscores how compassionate he was, how he met them right where they were on their spiritual paths addressing their individual needs. So

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Sarah 04:03

we've got the apostles coming back to this place that held so much significance for them, this deeper look at what might be considered miracles, the return of someone who strayed, and then these personalized pep talks from Jesus. It feels like they were being prepared for something big. You're

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John 04:17

right on the money with that, because the Urantia Book then takes us to the Mount of ordination, and this time Jesus, he appears in His morontia form. Morontia form, yes, sorry about that. Morontia is a term that Urantia Book uses. It describes this state of being that's, well, it's between the material and the spiritual. So Jesus, he's in this more spiritual form, and he's reordaining his apostles.

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Sarah 04:41

Okay, so he's reordaining them, but this time, he's not exactly the same as before. He's closer to the divine. How did the apostles handle that? Well, the

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John 04:49

Urantia Book says that this experience really had a huge impact on them, not just seeing him like that, but the power behind his prayer. Imagine witnessing someone who can connect with the divine on that. Level with such depth and intensity, it was like seeing Jesus' true nature without the limitations of his physical body.

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Sarah 05:05

Wow. That must have been awe inspiring and maybe a little terrifying, too.



John 05:10

Exactly. The Urantia Book definitely emphasizes that this was a turning point for the apostles. They were really starting to understand who Jesus truly was. It's like



Sarah 05:20

they were beginning to grasp the enormity of what had happened, what the resurrection really meant. Yeah,



John 05:25

exactly. And as they started to process this new understanding, even their message began to shift, to evolve in what way? Well, according to the rangy book, there was this subtle but significant change. They were moving away from the gospel of the kingdom, the message about God's love and our role as his children, they began to focus more on the resurrection itself. So they



Sarah 05:47

were putting more emphasis on the idea of life after death, on the hope that death wasn't the end



John 05:52

Exactly. The uranium book really highlights this shift, because it shows us the human side of how Christianity was developing. These weren't just robots following orders. They were interpreting what they had experienced. They



Sarah 06:04

were laying the foundation for a belief system that would change the world, and they were figuring it out as they went, huh? Talk about pressure.



John 06:12

It really makes you wonder how their own perspectives shaped by everything they'd gone through, influenced how Christianity developed into what it is today? No,



Sarah 06:21

that is a fascinating question. And you know what else is fascinating? Making not to hit nerves on

that is a fascinating question. And you know what else is fascinating? we've got to hit pause on our deep dive for now. But don't worry, we'll be right back with part two, where we'll explore what happened when they took this evolving message back to Jerusalem. So we're back and the apostles, they're headed back to Jerusalem.

J John 06:41

It's a turning point in the story, right? I mean, that city, it's where they last saw Jesus alive, where they had that last supper. But it's also, you know, the place where he was arrested, crucified. You're

S Sarah 06:53

right going back to Jerusalem, it was huge. Talk about a wave of emotions hitting them, the memories, the grief, the fear, yeah, like stepping right back into the eye of the storm, exactly. And the Urantia Book really gets that intensity. It talks about them gathering in that same upper room, you know, the one where they had the last supper with Jesus. Oh,

J John 07:08

wow. I didn't even think about that. That specific room heavy stuff, right? You can just feel the weight of it all. And then, as if things weren't complicated enough, John Mark's father dies suddenly.

S Sarah 07:20

Oh man, talk about an emotional roller coaster. They're dealing with their own grief over Jesus, this new mission they're trying to figure out. And now they're supporting John Mark through losing his father.

J John 07:31

It was a lot, no doubt about it. But here's the thing, this is where we see Peter really step up as a leader, at least according to the Urantia Book. He's convinced about the resurrection, fired up about it, and he gives this passionate speech, urging the others to spread the word with him.

S Sarah 07:46

So he's like, listen up everyone. We have a story to tell. The world needs to hear this exactly.

J John 07:50

He's got this energy, this conviction that's contagious. He's become the voice of the resurrection, the voice of hope for life after death. But

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Sarah 07:59

you said he was urging the others. Does that mean some of them weren't as gung ho about this whole resurrection focus? Yeah,

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John 08:06

the Urantia Book specifically mentions Nathaniel. He was still really attached to that initial message, the gospel of the kingdom. Remember, that was about God's love, social justice, really living out your faith in the world. That resonated with Nathaniel.

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Sarah 08:21

So even within this small group, you've got different ideas about what message they should be spreading. Absolutely

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John 08:26

it just goes to show even back then, there were already different ways of understanding Jesus's teachings and the Urantia Book, it gets that. It shows us these are real people, you know, dealing with loss, with change, with the weight of what they're facing.

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Sarah 08:41

Good reminder that there are always different perspectives, even, or maybe especially, when it comes to faith,

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John 08:46

for sure, and those moments of friction, those disagreements, they can be opportunities for growth, for deeper understanding. So

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Sarah 08:53

we've got clashing opinions. Peter going all in on the resurrection message, nassan, holding onto the gospel of the kingdom all while they're grieving and worried about being persecuted.

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John 09:02

Yeah, talk about a recipe for drama. You

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Sarah 09:05

said it. And speaking of drama, that's where we gotta leave things for now. But don't you worry, we'll be back with part three to see how all of this unfolds and what it means for their movement. We left off with the apostles back in Jerusalem, John Mark grieving and this real tension about what their message should be. It's a lot. It is.

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John 09:25

It really is. You gotta remember, these were people who had given their lives to following Jesus to building that kingdom of God here and now, that was their whole world. And now it's been shaken to its core. Of course, they're struggling to figure out what comes next.

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Sarah 09:38

Their roadmap is gone right after the teachings, the miracles, the crucifixion, everything. Now they have to navigate this new reality, and not just emotionally, but also in terms of their purpose. And

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John 09:48

don't forget the danger they were in. Those religious authorities were not messing around. The threat was real, but even so, they felt this urge to share what they'd experienced with everyone. Yeah. The question was, how

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Sarah 10:01

exactly, was it about living God's will, creating a more just world, like how they understood that kingdom of God message? Or was it about proclaiming the resurrection, that death wasn't the end? Which way did they go? And

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John 10:14

here's where the Urantia Book, it really shines. Yeah, it doesn't give us a simple they were right, they were wrong kind of thing. It gets that they were all dealing with something beyond human comprehension, so their interpretations were gonna be different, trying

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Sarah 10:25

to put a square peg in a round hole, almost they had the huge life changing experience, and tried to make sense of it with the tools they had totally

- J** John 10:32
that's what makes them seem so real, even after all this time, they were figuring it out as they went, influenced by everything they felt, everything they hoped for even their fears, and the Urantia Book gets that it's
- S** Sarah 10:44
like getting a peek behind the curtain. We're not just reading doctrines. We're seeing how those ideas actually came about, right?
- J** John 10:51
It reminds us that faith at its core, it's personal and it changes. It's those individual journeys, those struggles, that have shaped religious thought throughout history.
- S** Sarah 11:00
So as we wrap up this deep dive into this pivotal time, I'm feeling, well, a lot of awe, but also humility. Are at what the apostles went through and how their actions echoed through time. But humility, knowing they were human, figuring things out as they went just like us, it
- J** John 11:16
reminds us that nobody has all the answers, but when we engage with these stories, with these people from history, not as perfect figures, but as fellow travelers on the spiritual path, it opens us up to new insights, a deeper understanding of our own beliefs. It's
- S** Sarah 11:32
about being okay with the mystery, the questions, that constant search for meaning, and maybe, just maybe, finding some peace and knowing we don't need all the answers. I love
- J** John 11:41
that the journey of faith is not a straight line, right? And like the Urantia Book shows us, even with uncertainty disagreements, there's space for growth, for compassion, for a stronger connection to something bigger than ourselves, beautifully
- S** Sarah 11:53
put and on that note, we come to the end of our deep dive into the apostles experiences in

Galilee after the tomb all seen through the Urantia book's unique perspective. We've explored their challenges, their successes, and those turning points that change the course of Christian history.



John 12:09

We hope you found this deep dive insightful and thought provoking, and until next



Sarah 12:13

time, keep seeking, keep questioning, keep diving deep.