

Message: 22nd November 2020 **Preacher:** John Sweetman

DARING FAITH #4

THEME 1: THE OUTSIDERS RECEIVE THE MESSAGE AND MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH AS GOOD NEWS

LUKE 7:22

"So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor."

THEME 2: THE INSIDERS REJECT THE MESSAGE AND MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH AS BAD NEWS

LUKE 23:1

"Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.""

WHAT DID JESUS AND EARLY CHRISTIANS DO?

1. THEY KNEW THEY HAD GOOD NEWS

ROMANS 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

2. THEY COUNTED THE COST

2 TIMOTHY 1:8

"So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God."

3. THEY PRAYED FOR COURAGE AND PUSHED MORE BOLDLY

ACTS 4:29

"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness."