

AT THE MOVIES

Jungle Cruise

October 31, 2021 Message Notes

1 PETER 2:24, REVELATION 22:1-2

“Jungle Cruise” wraps up our At The Movies series. Its plot is a story we all live. We are seekers searching in hope for more than we've known, for something to help with the hurts of life. That's also the message of the Bible.



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The Jungle Cruise is a story about two seekers – a woman and a man, a villain and three critical realities: a jungle of death, a tree of healing, and a key of access.

It's the story we all live – seekers searching in hope for more than we've known, for something to help with the hurts of life. It's also the message of the Bible.

"Know this about the jungle – everything that you see wants to kill you, and can." – Captain Frank

The Bible tells us this world is a dangerous place filled with treachery and deceit.

"It's only a scam if you fall for it." – Dr. Lily

How do you know what to believe and who to trust in this world?

Jesus taught that there's a villain loose in this world trying *"...to steal, kill and destroy."* (John 10:10)

In the movie, there's a source of healing that possesses unparalleled power, though mysterious.

Scripture also teaches there is such a Source with power to heal diseases, reverse curses and save lives.

In the Bible, we see the source of healing portrayed in trees.

"The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse."
REVELATION 22:2-3

The Jungle Cruise tree can't heal without the special key that unlocks its power – an arrowhead connected to caring and love.

"If you're lucky enough to have one person in this life to care about, then that's world enough for me." – Captain Frank

"He himself (Jesus) bore our sins in his body on the tree (the cross), so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his stripes we are healed."
1 PETER 2:24

"The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life."



JOHN 3:14-15

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 3:16

This reveals both the power of love and the key that opens access to the healing tree: the power of your faith – believing and trusting in Jesus.

We live in a jungle of trauma, injustice, abuse, lying, cheating, stealing and dying.

What do we do about the natural, moral and supernatural evil in the world?

Find the key that unlocks the Healing Tree.

God has come in Christ to take on the abuses of evil in his own body on the tree. We gain access to God's spiritual and supernatural healing by faith.

“To all who receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave right to become children of God.”

JOHN 1:12

“Greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world.”

1 JOHN 4:4

Have you invited Christ to come alive in you and receive his life-giving presence by the Holy Spirit?

This life is hard and hurts sometimes. Heaven is coming someday but we're not there yet. Pain and death are not the final word!

“God will dwell with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

REVELATION 21:3

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. For the old order of things has passed away. I am making everything new!”

REVELATION 21:4-5

**Use the key that unlocks the Healing Tree.
Lose yourself doing good for the world you love.**



This doesn't solve the question of evil in the world but it does show how to live through love... one person at a time... the way Jesus did.

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and ...he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil because God was with him.”
ACTS 10:38

Don't sell yourself short. Your story, your good, your caring can change someone's world.

“I'm giving you the keys to the kingdom. Whatever you bind shall be bound in heaven. Whatever you loose shall be loosed in heaven.”
MATTHEW 16:19

How can you use your key? Share your story. *“There was a time in my life...”*

