



Sermon notes  
**Sunday, March 22, 2015**

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**There's Only One Savior – Pastor Justin Ross**

*From the Esther series – Esther 2:1-18*

**Xerxes sober now...watch out**

- Misses his wife Vashti and tries to fill the void with other women
- Be careful where you get your counsel.

**BIG takeaways, so far**

- Chasing your own glory will lead to misery.
- Only God can fill the void in your life.
- When you use people, you don't love people.

**Historical context and the introduction of Mordecai & Esther**

- Historical background of why they're in exile: Book of Daniel
- Mordecai's family stayed in Persia.
- Mordecai is like many fathers ... passive.
- Esther's in her teens, maybe early twenties.
- The symbolism of Esther's two names
- Do you keep your faith a secret?

**A very strange beauty pageant**

- Esther's beauty impresses the judges.

- A lot of men are just like Xerxes.
- Esther wins the beauty pageant, but it's a tragic victory.

**What do we do with this story?**

- There are bad people & then there's Jesus.
- People in the Bible are painfully normal like us.
- All little heroes need the big hero named Jesus.

**Hope for worldly, wicked people**

- God gives grace to people who don't deserve it.
- God walks with you even when you don't walk with Him.
- God shows favor to undeserving people.
- God can get you out of the mess you've created.

**Only one Savior**

- Esther is a picture or a type of Jesus Christ.
- Comparisons between Esther & Jesus

**Jesus is a much better King  
 and has a much better Kingdom.**



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