



1. Baptism as resistance

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death” ([Rom 6:3-4a](#)). How might we ensure baptism doesn't become sentiment?

2. The sermon of resistance— "first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift" ([Matt 5:24b](#)). Jesus places reconciliation with family (& enemies) above acts of worship & sacrifice. Augustine suggests the Sermon on the Mount is 'a perfect standard of the Christian life.' Where are our blindspots to Jesus' teaching in [Matthew 5-7](#) ?

3. Disruption— You and I have come to live in a world of very narrow nationalism, where people are inevitably categorised according to race, gender, sexual identity or religious affiliation. A world that increasingly denies our communal, our relational, our common life. Where people's only value is that they are producers and consumers and buyer of the things of the world. What does your life say to this world?