

Minority Reports – Part 1
Rahab of Jericho – Josh. 2:1-21; Heb.11:30-31; Jas.2:21-26

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 Sermon series from the viewpoint of those in minority, disadvantaged, at risk
- 0.2 Why? Because much of Bible storytelling involves underdogs, and b/c Jesus said he “did not come to call the righteous but the unrighteous” (Mt 9:13)

1.0 Minority Status & Viewpoint

- 1.1 Ethnic minorities, including migrants & immigrants
- 1.2 Often in major transitions (of location, finances, language, network)
- 1.3 Opportunity vs. risk
- 1.4 Usually little power or resources; vulnerability

2.0 Rahab of Jericho

- 2.1 Worked in ‘the sex industry’
- 2.2 Dual urban status: rejected + protected
- 2.3 Home on wall (v.15; perhaps casemate wall room) – incl. red cord at windows (v.18)
- 2.4 Actions affirmed faith: had heard...and was intrigued (and risked her life for it)

3.0 The Importance of This for Us Today

- 3.1 Not once but twice an example in NT (Heb.11 & Jas.2) – can you see why?
- 3.2 Jesus “did not come to call the righteous”...
- 3.3 What does the Kingdom of God look like from the ‘other’ side?

Next week (Sept.12) – Minority Reports – Part 2
Ruth the Moabite – Ruth 1:1-21