Ezekiel 16 • The Dual Example of Judah

- 1. (v.1-5) After accepting God as <u>parent</u>, they seek to replace Him as <u>parent</u>.
- 2. (v.6-14) They accepted the <u>clothing</u> of God's Word, but chose instead to <u>wear</u> something else.
- 3. (v.15-22) The core problem from which everything else springs is that they're <u>self-centered</u>.
- 4. (v.23-29) They were not merely unfaithful to God, they were incapable of faithfulness to anyone.
- 5. (v.30-34) They seek <u>new experiences</u> for themselves.
- 6. (v.35-43) God's people are supposed to be an <u>example</u> to the <u>world</u>.
 - a. Spiritual unfaithfulness is actually the pursuit of spiritual <u>lust</u>: to satisfy only one's self.
 - b. When we aren't a positive example by our obedience and faithfulness, He will make an example of us to the world by bringing out great, personal tragedy.
- 7. (v.44-52) Unfaithfulness in the "big" things is the natural, end result of unfaithfulness to the "little" things.
- 8. (v.53-59) God will fulfill His original intentions for His people to be <u>an example</u> of Him to <u>the world</u>.
- 9. (v.60-63) God will be an example to the world through spiritual <u>reconciliation</u> just as well as through <u>judgment</u>.