

What would Jesus say to...

SERMON SERIES



Katie
Price

What would Jesus say to... Reminders

1. Each of these messages can be tailored towards a Gospel presentation and our hope is that they will be used to engage with those on the fringe of the Church.
2. Each 'character' we are exploring is a real person. Let's remember that as we speak. It's important that these sermons are not used to slam people but to affirm God-given attributes and speak into their lives. Think about three positive things we can say for every one thing we might like to see changed.
3. This sermon series should also help equip Christians in two distinct ways. Firstly, they should help us think about how we engage in faith conversation with friends. Secondly, they help us see that our faith is not only about a Sunday morning meeting but about how we engage with all of life.

Background Information

Adapted from (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katie_Price)

Synopsis

Katie Price (born 22 May 1978), previously known by the pseudonym Jordan, is an English television personality and glamour model.

Her time as topless female glamour model in a pictorial Page 3 in British tabloid newspaper The Sun shot Price into the limelight. Her placement in the public spotlight allowed Price to expand into a variety of different industries including television, books, fashion and music.

Price has had many highly publicised relationships and has been married three times, to singer Peter Andre (2005–2009), to professional fighter Alex Reid (2010–2011) and to builder and part-time stripper Kieran Hayler (2013–). Price declared that she planned to divorce Hayler after he had affairs with two of Price's close friends. They are now in the process of reconciliation and he was with Price at the birth of their daughter, Bunny. In April 2012, Price's net worth was estimated at £45 million.

Early Life

Born in 1978 in Brighton, East Sussex, southeast England, Katie Price was the only child of Amy (née Charlier) and Ray Infield. Her father left the family when she was four, and in 1988 her mother married builder Paul Price, after which she acquired the surname Price. From two of her mother's other marriages, she has an older half-brother named Daniel and a younger half-sister named Sophie.

Price attended Blatchington Mill School and, although not an academic student, she excelled at sport, swimming for Sussex in regional competitions. During her childhood, she also developed a passion for horses and horse-riding. At age six, Price was molested by a man in a park's bushes. She began modelling as a child, and at 13 she modelled for a clothing line—although, unknown to her, the project's photographer was a convicted paedophile and insisted on shooting her in her underwear. Price left school at 16 in 1994.

Early Career

At a friend's suggestion, Price had professional photographs taken and decided to pursue a modelling career. The pictures were sent to a modelling agency in London, and in 1996 she was offered a job at Page 3, a topless female glamour model pictorial in British tabloid newspaper The Sun. She adopted the name Jordan in 1996 and made frequent appearances as a model on both Page Three and in men's lifestyle magazines.

As Jordan, Price was famed for her surgically enhanced breasts. At 19 she had the first in a succession of breast-enhancement surgeries because she felt that, as a glamour model, she did not look "as sexy or womanly" as other models. She has since had many enhancements, as well as reductions, on her breasts in addition to later having liposuction on her hips and thighs, fat implanted into her lips to boost her pout, and a nose job. She told a reporter, "Some people may be famous for creating a pencil sharpener. I'm famous for my tits." Price was later barred from Page Three in The Sun with their adoption of a policy to only use "all natural" models.

She continued modelling as Jordan nonetheless and regularly appeared in the Daily Star, FHM, the British edition of Playboy, Nuts, Maxim, Loaded, Vogue and Esquire and also ran as a candidate in Stretford and Urmston during the British General Election in 2001; her comical election campaign had the slogan "For a Bigger and Betta Future" and promised free breast implants, more nudist beaches, and a ban on parking tickets to her constituents. She ended up winning 713 votes, 1.8% of the votes cast. Price continues to model today, though she has dropped the name Jordan and no longer does glamour modelling.

Price was a contestant on the third series of I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here! in 2004. It was there that she met Peter Andre whom she would eventually marry and later divorce. In November 2009, Price made a return visit to I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! in its ninth series. Presenters Ant & Dec insinuated during the broadcast that the surprise of Price's return had been ruined by the media. Whilst in the jungle, the public repeatedly voted Price to undertake each and every "Bush Tucker Trial" challenge. After it had been announced that Price had been selected for her seventh consecutive trial, she decided to quit the show and left one week after her arrival.

She has also been the subject of many reality television series that chronicle her often chaotic domestic life. This started with a trio of Channel 4 documentaries by film-maker Richard Macer: Jordan: The Truth About Me (2002), Jordan: The Model Mum and Jordan: You Don't Even Know Me (both 2004), and was followed by Jordan Gets Even on Five in 2004. She later appeared in the documentary Jordan: Living With a Dream (Channel 4) and then launched the Katie & Peter franchise on ITV2 which documented the lives of Price and former husband Peter Andre. The pair's separation in 2009 resulted in their individual shows being recorded: What Katie Did Next continued on ITV2 until 2011. Her most recent documentary series currently airs on Sky Living under the name Katie.

On 16 January 2015, Price entered the Celebrity Big Brother house appearing in the fifteenth series. After two contestants had been ejected, Price entered as a latecomer on Day 10. On 6 February 2015, Price finished as the winner of the series, beating Katie Hopkins into first place.

Price has also established herself in the publishing industry, despite having her work ghostwritten by Rebecca Farnworth. She released the first of four autobiographies Being Jordan in May 2004. Initially turned down by the mainstream publishing houses after demanding a £1 million advance, she was

eventually signed up by small independent publisher John Blake for £10,000 plus royalties. In a departure from industry norms, she conducted a 10-day book-signing tour which provoked enough interest – contrary to expectations and almost exclusively female – to propel her to first position in the Nielsen BookScan hardback sales chart and to sell 97,090 copies in one year; and over 1,000,000 as of January 2007. Price has also written a number of novels and children's books.

Price was one of the contestants in the selection process of finding a representative for the United Kingdom at the 2005 Eurovision Song Contest. The selection process, named Making Your Mind Up, was broadcast live on television in March 2005. Price sang a song titled "Not Just Anybody" wearing a skin-tight pink catsuit. She came in second place.

Price, with Peter Andre, released A Whole New World, a duet album, in November 2006. All sales of the album went to their chosen charities affiliated with the many health conditions of her eldest son, Harvey. The album debuted at number twenty on the UK Albums Chart and achieved platinum status.

In July 2010, Price released "Free to Love Again", a non-album single. About the release, she explained: "I'm not a singer, this is just something that I'm doing for fun. It's not like I'm worried about getting a chart position or number one, this is purely for fun. Whether people like it or not, I'm doing it." The single had scarce promotion or radio play and was negatively received by contemporary critics. It charted at number sixty on the UK Singles Chart and was only supported by performances on GMTV and at various London nightclubs. On all occasions, she admitted that she had been lip-synching.

In November 2006, Price launched The Katie Price Lingerie Collection in conjunction with Panache, available exclusively at Asda stores, as well as a follow-up jewellery deal with Argos. In 2007, Price was announced as the new face of Foxy Bingo and launched a hair care range at Superdrug.

She also released three perfumes 'Stunning', 'Besotted' and 'Precious Love' as well as hair care electrical ranges.

In 2008, Price signed a deal with Derby House to launch her equestrian range of clothing named 'KP Equestrian'.

Family and Controversy

Price and Andre were criticised for sexually explicit behaviour in their reality show. In taping the show the couple re-enacted sex scenes (while fully clothed) and had frank discussions about sex.

The couple were libelled by an ex-employee and later accepted damages from the News of the World newspaper after it published the accusations about their parental abilities.

In May 2009, three days after her announced separation from Andre, her management company of five years said that they would no longer represent her. They have chosen to represent Andre instead.

In 2008, Price was refused admission to Guards Polo Club for the most prestigious day in the international Polo Season. "Jordan has been told she is not welcome. Polo is very prestigious and there

are certain names they want there and others they definitely don't. Jordan is still too 'chavvy' as far as Cartier is concerned. Having Jordan there just wouldn't be in keeping with Cartier's image. If she turns up she will not be allowed access".

Price briefly dated several celebrities and sports stars including footballers Teddy Sheringham, Dwight Yorke, singer Gareth Gates, and Warren Furman (Ace from the television series Gladiators). During her much-publicised relationship with Dane Bowers of the boy band Another Level, she had an abortion after discovering he had cheated on her. A pornographic video the couple made together was stolen from their flat in 1999 and subsequently became a popular celebrity sex tape.

Price and Peter Andre got together after spending time on I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!, and they married in September 2005 at Highclere Castle, Hampshire. In May 2009 they announced that they were separating. It was Andre's decision to leave her. In a televised interview with Piers Morgan in July 2009, Price claimed that their break-up was partly due to Andre's jealousy of her relationship with dressage trainer Andrew Gould. Andre didn't trust Katie when she drunk alcohol hence they had made the pact. She revealed that she had suffered a miscarriage before the split but still ran the London Marathon so as not to let her charities down. She was still recovering from the miscarriage.

In July 2009, Price began dating MMA fighter and former Hollyoaks actor Alex Reid. On 2 February 2010, Price married Reid in a private ceremony in Las Vegas. They separated in January 2011.

Price began dating Argentine model Leandro Penna after meeting him at the Oscars. Price announced her engagement to Penna in April 2012. In October 2012 Price said she and Penna had "mutually" decided to end their relationship.

She married her third husband, builder and part-time stripper Kieran Hayler, at the Sandals Royal Bahamian Resort and Spa in the Bahamas on 16 January 2013. Hayler proposed on Christmas Day 2012. Price is very family-oriented and has said that she wishes to have "at least seven children" shortly after the birth of her fifth child in 2014.

Katie Price gave birth to her first child, son Harvey, in Brighton in May 2002. Harvey's father is former footballer Dwight Yorke. Jordan has said she had intended to have at least one birth shown live over the Internet, but she later decided to keep it private. He was found to be blind, having a condition known as septo-optic dysplasia, meaning that the development of his optic nerve was unpredictable. As he has matured, she has also discovered that he is on the autistic spectrum, gains weight easily due to suffering from Prader–Willi syndrome, and finds walking difficult.

In June 2005, she gave birth by Caesarean section to her second son, Junior Savva Andreas Andre, in Westminster, London. In June 2007, she gave birth to her third child, daughter Princess Tiaamii Crystal Esther Andre.

In August 2013, Price gave birth to her fourth child, a boy named Jett Riviera. He was born eight weeks premature by emergency Caesarean. On 4 August 2014, she gave birth to a second daughter named Bunny two weeks prematurely. She is Price's fifth child; her second by Hayler.

Preaching Points

1. Katie Price knows the power of sex

Katie is a sex symbol – her career began as a page 3 model in the Sun and she has appeared on the front cover of Playboy. Jesus would be heart-broken at how Katie has been treated by men.

- With her friends she was sexually assaulted by a man in the park aged 6
- As a teen she regularly modelled in her underwear without knowing the photographer was a paedophile who was drugging other girls and molesting them
- She has had abusive boyfriends – “He wanted to keep me all to himself, locked away from everyone. He even threatened to scar my face so that no other man would ever find me attractive again.... He had me completely in his power.” p27, Being Jordan
- Her first boyfriend “had damaged me emotionally and left me feeling vulnerable. Worst of all he has not been the only man to treat me badly. He started a pattern which has been hard to break.” p33, Being Jordan
- She has been raped.

What might Jesus say?

Jesus would say – Sex is powerful. Katie, you understand the power of sex. In talking about modelling, she writes “I suppose deep down I do get a thrill from knowing that men are turned on from what I am doing.” p59, Being Jordan)

She has used the power of sex to get where she is today.

- Jesus spoke to the woman at the well in John 4: 4-30
- ‘Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband.”’
- This text begs the question, if the woman had had five husbands already, then what was she searching for? In search of love?
- “All my life I have been looking for love. I longed to meet a man I could fall in love with completely, body, mind and soul. A man I could commit to totally, a man I could respect and trust, a man who would love me for myself, a man I could marry and spend the rest of my life with, a man who’d be the father of my children and a father to Harvey.” xv, Being Jordan
- Interestingly, Jesus doesn’t give the woman at the well a lecture about her past and I don’t think he’d give Katie Price one either.
- Perhaps Jesus would say that ultimately ‘God is love.’ (1 John 4:8) People will never meet all of our needs. We have been created not just as sexual beings but as spiritual beings.
- In our society where sex has been so corrupted, Jesus might ask Katie Price, how can we work together to help society think again about sex? How can we help men view sex differently so that other girls don’t have to endure what you endured?
- Jesus might want to work with Katie to help people understand that sex is not dirty but a God-given gift for intimacy, pleasure and child bearing in the context of marriage.
- We often have this notion that we shouldn’t have sex outside of marriage because it offends God

but God is not just a cosmic kill joy! One of the greatest reasons not to have sex outside of marriage is because it will damage both us and other people.

2. Katie Price knows the power of words

Price has had some horrible words spoken over her life:

- Her house was broken into and on the mirrors was written ‘Jordan you slag, you bitch.’
- During her second time on ‘I’m a celebrity’ she experienced a public backlash as people voted for her to do every bush-tucker trial.
- The media have written all kinds of stories about her: “I’ve been called a slapper, a tart, a man-eater, a woman who is so desperate for male attention she will do anything to get it. I’ve been told I’m a freak: that I’m addicted to plastic surgery; that I have mutilated my body because I hate how I look. I’ve been described as unstable, insecure, out of control: a drunk. It has been claimed that I’m obsessed with fame and will do anything for publicity. Worst of all, they say I’m an unfit mother. ... Modelling is just my job, and there’s more to me than that. There’s a person inside this body.” ix, Being Jordan
- But perhaps the harshest things were said by comedian, Frankie Boyle, who not only made jokes about her but about her son Harvey who has septo-optic dysplasia and a range of other conditions.
- Katie said, “People think that because I’m in the public eye I should just take everything on the chin, but I won’t when it involves my children.” p123, Love, lipstick and lies

What might Jesus say?

The woman at the well was one of the lowest in society:

- A woman – men did not normally associate with women who were treated as second class citizens
 - A Samaritan – a people group discriminated against
 - Ostracised from her community – she was collecting water during the heat of the day
 - I wonder what words had been spoken over her life?
- And yet Jesus breaks all of society’s boundaries – he meets her, he talks with her and he reveals to her his true identity!
- It’s very easy to be defined by what people have spoken over us but Jesus would speak over Katie Price her true identity – that she is a loved child of God.

3. Katie Price knows the power of turning things around

Katie has a real determination to achieve. She has been able to turn situations around in her life with hard work and dedication.

This is evident in her career:

- Although she left school at 16, she has had a catalogue of successes. She is more than just a model she’s an author with 3.5 million book sales, a TV personality, a business lady with clothing lines

in Equestrian fashion right through to perfumes and hair appliances and her own production company 'Pricey Media'.

- "I've done very well out of being a model, but success didn't just fall in my lap. I've worked for everything I've got!" p8, Being Jordan

This is also evident in her as a parent:

- Things don't always go to plan - "In my heart I've always been quite old fashioned. I had always dreamed of getting married first and then starting a family..." p225, Being Jordan
- She had an abortion earlier in life which she still feels guilty about. "I was still haunted by the fact that I'd had an abortion... it didn't stop me feeling guilty and wondering what might have been." p216, Being Jordan
- The next time she got pregnant with Dwight Yorke, the footballer, she was under pressure to have another abortion but she went through with the pregnancy. "It didn't help that all my friends thought I should have an abortion too. They couldn't understand why I would want to have the baby when I wasn't with the father." p218, Being Jordan
- "Whatever anyone says about me, whatever criticisms they throw at me, I'm proud of what I have achieved, top of the list: my children. They make everything worthwhile, and everything I do, I do it for them..."
- She is a committed mum!

This is also evident in her response to comedian Frankie Boyle:

- In response to the comments made about her son Harvey and his medical conditions, she made the documentary 'Standing up for Harvey' explaining his condition and challenging public opinion on disability.
- "When it comes to looking after my son, I've never looked for sympathy. My attitude has always been that I have to deal with it, get on with it, be strong and give Harvey the best possible life." p127, Love, lipstick and lies
- "Because of Harvey I've got involved in things I perhaps wouldn't otherwise have done. I'm a patron for Vision Charity and take part in fund-raising events for them..." p144, Love, lipstick and lies

What might Jesus say?

- The woman at the well has an encounter with Jesus and by the end of the passage she has gone to the people in the town to share the message of Jesus. Her life is turned around in this encounter.
- Jesus might say, well done Katie for turning things around in your life. But to take things to the next level, you need to receive the Living Water I offer. In partnership with me we can change so much more.
- The woman at the well, in her excitement to tell the people of the town about Jesus, leaves her jar of water behind. Katie, you have made millions of pounds but when you discover the depth of the love of Christ for you, all material things fade in significance.

4.Katie Price and the power of betrayal

Katie knows what it is to be betrayed...

- "I had learned the hard way that trust is the first casualty of being a celebrity." p70, Being Jordan
- Betrayed by her dad. "Yes, my real dad finally walked out on the family when I was three, but I had hardly seen him anyway so he was no loss to me." p1, Being Jordan
- Betrayed by ex-lovers who sold their intimate story.
- Betrayed by men who have used and abused her.
- Betrayed by her management who have often sought money over her welfare.
- -Betrayed by the media. "The tabloids loved having me pose for them, but they wanted to tear into my private life as well. No areas of my life were off-limits to them. I was a glamour model, therefore I was fair game." p63, Being Jordan

What might Jesus say?

- Katie, I know what it is to be betrayed.
- I was betrayed by my friends. As I was arrested they fled. Even Peter denied knowing me three times.
- I was betrayed by the people I came to serve.
- I was betrayed by the religious people.
- I was betrayed by the authorities.
- I was betrayed as I died on a cross.
- But I want you to know Katie – that I will not betray you. That cross is a symbol of my commitment to you.
- Perhaps much that has driven you in life is a desire to be known. In relation to her front page Playboy shoot, she writes "Being in that magazine says that you've made it, and people all over the world are going to know who you are." p189, Being Jordan
- Jesus would say... "Katie, I know you and that's the most important thing. I love you and have loved you through all the highs and lows of life. I have more in store for you and I can be trusted. Will you allow the power of the Holy Spirit to affirm your identity and lead you forward?"

Creative Input

Piers Morgan Life Stories

Katie Price- [Part One]. 2009 – from 1min 28sec – 3min 10sec
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYVkfHq-pro>

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