

WORD AT WORK

VOLUME XXXIV NUMBER XI Who is Jesus to You?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Scripture: Matthew 1:1, Revelation 22:16

We are in a season where we have an increasing number of prophets prophesying devastation, destruction, America's invasion and the full blown measure of God's judgment on the land. Dismay and fear search for an opening but are denied entrance depending on Who Jesus is to us. The core question for every believer as we move deeper and deeper into the last days is, Who is Jesus to us? Who is He? As we answer that question, it determines whether or not we will be able to stand in the face of what is coming in the earth. Can we stand in the face of Isis? Can we stand in the face of invasion by the Russians or the Chinese? Can we stand in the face of great war as nation rises against nation? Is the church ready for the end-times? That is a question that every one of us have to answer. And the answer is not difficult – it depends on Who Jesus is to us. Who is He to us personally? The answer to that question will determine whether or not we will be ready for the most difficult season to ever come on the earth. Matthew 1:1 starts the process of Who Jesus is. Whether we believe it and act on it is individual. It is up to us – do I choose to believe what the New Testament says Jesus is to me? If so, will I act on it? Matthew 1:1 says, *"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:..."* In the first verse of the New Testament, Jesus is presented as the Son of David. From the first verse to the last chapter of Revelation, we have to ask, Who is Jesus? Wouldn't it be interesting if, in Revelation 22, He names Himself Son of David? If that is true, then it is a major key. Revelation 22:16 says, *"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."* The beginning of the New Testament and the end of the New Testament, both starts and ends with Jesus being declared the Son of David. There is a major addition in Revelation 22:16 when Jesus Himself says, *"I am the Root and the Offspring of David."* That means that everything David did in obedience to the Spirit is a picture of Who Christ is in us. Everything that David prayed by the Holy Spirit is a picture of what Christ is willing to do through us. David was a mighty warrior. He killed a giant. Will Jesus kill giants when we pray? Absolutely! But do we believe it? If we do not, then we are truly not ready for what is coming. Who is Jesus to us?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Scripture: Mark 1:1

Matthew 1:1 declares Jesus as the Son of David. Mark 1:1 says, *"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."* Isn't it interesting that Matthew starts out with Jesus as the Son of David, and Mark starts out with Jesus as the Son of God. As the Son of God, He is our Savior. In Matthew, He is the Son of David, which means a Judge/Warrior. But in Mark, He is our Savior. In Matthew, He is the King and in Mark, He is the Savior. Is Jesus both King and Savior to us? If He is, then we can rapidly get ready for what is coming. No matter what comes, we can face it not only as those who are saved by the Blood, but as those who are equipped to throw five smooth stones and can change things through prayer. I am pretty sure Jesus is a Savior to many more people than He is the acknowledged Judge and King. As King David represented the Lord of Hosts and killed Goliath, can we represent the God of War? How many Goliaths have we

prayed into termination? Revelation 6:8 records Jesus killing one fourth of earth's population- can you represent Jesus during this period?

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Scripture: Luke 1:30-33

Luke 1 is a narrative of those things that were believed among the early church and outlined for us. Verses 30-33 state, *"Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.'"* In the wording here, the parallel passages in Matthew and Mark are combined with these verses in Luke to form a full picture. Jesus is both Savior and Warrior King. He has been given the Throne of His father David, and He reigns with all authority in heaven and earth. If Jesus reigns with all authority in heaven and earth, then it is possible to, by covenant, change judgments that are ordered and/or ordained. We do that by the covenant that Jesus bought and paid for, the same one the Father gave King David. The same covenant David had, we have, through Christ. As a result, we have access to the Christ that sits as King on the Throne of David. His decrees change things. Do we believe that? As the last days mature, we better believe it, otherwise, it is going to be a long season of always enduring what comes along.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Scripture: John 1:1

John 1:1 says, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."* Jesus is the Living Word. He came as a Perfect Representative of the Father and He came as a Perfect Representative of the Word. He was the Word made flesh that dwelt among us. Because Jesus was the Word made flesh, Who dwelt among us, then His Word is available to change things in the earth. Because all authority in heaven and earth is given unto Him, and He gave that authority to the church, then we have the authority to change those things and gain our ordained harvest. One great thing about Jesus being the Word is that all things are possible to him who believes. Who is Jesus to us? Is He the Living Word? Is He the One who gave all authority in heaven and earth to us? Is He the One that guarantees we can change things through taking His Word in our mouth and believing it with our heart? Who is Jesus to us?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Scripture: John 5:22,23

Since Jesus is the Word, then John 5:22,23 is very, very important to us. These verses say, *"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."* All judgment has been committed to Jesus because Jesus is the Son of Man. Because He walked among us and because He experienced every temptation of living in our physical body, He qualifies as our High Priest and all judgment is in his Hands. That means our declarations, our intercession, and our prayers make an impact on Him and it is possible to delay and sometimes stop all together what a nation deserves in order to gain a harvest. In Exodus, Israel deserved judgment multiple times and each time Moses narrowed the judgment off the nation and onto the perpetrators. Who is Jesus to us? Is He really the One who holds all judgment? If He is, then just as Moses prayed and changed things, we can pray and change things. Who is Jesus to us?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Scripture: Acts 1:8

In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* Do we believe what Acts 1:8

says about Jesus? Do we believe that we will be His witnesses in Jerusalem, then Judea, then Samaria and to the end of the earth? Do we believe that Jesus baptizes in the Holy Spirit and is the One that empowers us for the last days? If we believe that, then it is time to act on it and get prepared for what He is going to have us do.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Scripture: Romans 8:12,13

Romans 8:12,13 says, *“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put **to death the deeds of the body**, you will live.”* Romans 8:12,13 makes it very clear that if we are going to follow Christ, we have to choose the path of the Spirit that brings us into conflict with what our body wants to do. The dimension to which we are willing to follow that path dictates the degree of success we will have in Christ. Are we willing to say yes to the crucifixion path of the Holy Spirit? It is the only pathway to power in the realm of the Spirit. If we are going to pray the prayers that save nations, then we have to let God lead us to the place where we are out of the way because we yield to the Cross. Following Christ means yielding to the Cross. If we say yes to that, then we can walk in the full measure of what He has for us. If we do not, then we expand the crucifixion of the preparational season!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:19-21

1 Corinthians 4:19-21 says, *“But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power. What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?”* Paul makes it very clear in Corinthians, when he walks with the Lord, he carries a rod. And the rod he carries can be used at any time. The truth of the matter is, it is a sign that the Kingdom is established in his life. Paul is saying, if he cannot bring the rod or the judgment of God, then the Kingdom of God is not established in his life. That is Who Jesus is to us. If we align with Jesus the Judge, then the Kingdom is established in us and His judgment can be prayed on anyone trying to destroy our harvest field. Is Jesus that kind of Judge to us? DO we believe it? Do we walk with Him in that dimension? This is available in Christ!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Who is Jesus in 2 Corinthians chapter 2? Verses 14-17 tells us, *“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.”* He always leads us in triumph, in Christ. And if we will let him, He diffuses the fragrance of his knowledge in every place. When Paul said no to promoting and profiting from the Gospel through manipulation, then God gave him the fullness of the Kingly anointing that caused him to triumph everywhere he went. That is Who Jesus wants to be to us if we will let him. That is Who he is in 2 Corinthians. He is our triumph. Will we let Him be triumph through us?

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Scripture: Galatians 1:6-9

Who is Jesus in Galatians 1:6-9? We are told, *“I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”* Jesus cursed every preacher who propagated another gospel and brought it to people. He not just cursed them once, He cursed them twice. Paul pronounced a curse twice – verse 9

states, *"As we have said before, so now I say again..."* Both times he cursed every minister who preached a different Jesus, a different gospel or preached by a different spirit. That is the Judge of all the Earth. He did not curse them once, he cursed them twice. If Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and if judgment comes first to the House of the Lord, I would expect a season where God has to clean house in order to bring the purity necessary for the Kingly message to be spoken. I expect church leaders, pastors and preachers are in for a face-to-face with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Is the Jesus of Galatians 1:6-9 our Jesus?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Scripture: Ephesians 1:19, 3:10,11

Who is Jesus in Ephesians? In Ephesians 1:19-21 it says, *"...and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."* So in Ephesians 1:19-21, He has the name that is above every name. What about in Ephesians 3:10? In Ephesians 3:10,11, He has a purpose for the church. It says, *"...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,..."* Father God has an eternal purpose of which He invites His church to partake. That eternal purpose is that we would demonstrate to principalities and powers that they do not rule. How could we do that? We could pray God's judgment on their representatives and thereby free people from deceptive darkness. When a leader or politician is a representative of principalities and powers, we can see it by their fruit. If their actions and decisions bring devastation and death on individuals and lands, then the church should pray them into judgment as the Holy Spirit directs. Judgment demonstrates to the principalities and powers that they *do not rule*. If we cannot do that, then we forfeit a potentially great harvest. Do we believe that Jesus is big enough in us to demonstrate to principalities and powers that they do not rule? If we believe that, then Jesus is Who He says He is to us in Ephesians. That gives me great hope for the church!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-9

Who is Jesus to us in this New Testament? Philippians 3:7-9 says, *"But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;..."* in Philippians 3, Jesus says that the number one spendable commodity you and I have are all the areas of loss that He has lead us into. The money system in the earth is like what loss is to the monetary system of heaven. The magnitude of loss that you and I experience in yielding to the will of God is a spendable commodity in heaven. Verse 8 makes it very clear, *"Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain..."* I suffered all this loss that I may gain... Philippians 3 is basically, *"I suffered all this loss that I may gain..."* Do we understand that God leads us into loss in order that we may gain? We can spend our whole life and never gain unless God interrupts us with loss. It is the interrupting of our life with loss that causes or leads us to ultimately gain all that He has for us. The degree to which we let God interrupt our life with loss dictates how far we can go with gain in Him. Is that Who Jesus is to us? Are we trying to find a less costly way to gain? Are we trying to get it instead, by faith? Do we totally rely on the principle of confessing something in faith until it becomes ours? Faith works, but does not substitute for loss. Speaking our faith alone does not substitute for the growth, wisdom and strength of character that comes through loss. Losing something valuable and something important is much more difficult and more costly. Let us look inward – are we trying to gain in some way other than what God has ordained? In Philippians, He ordained a spendable commodity in eternity as loss. The degree to which you and I are willing to suffer loss with honor, wisdom and faithfulness dictates how far we can go with gain in Christ. Is this Who Jesus is to us? Paul suffered the loss of all things. Can we?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Scripture: Colossians 1:24

Colossians 1:24 says, *"I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints."* I am not sure I like this passage. Philippians is bad enough but Colossians adds insult to injury. It is not enough that we must suffer loss that we might gain the fullness of what Christ has for us, but now we must be willing to do it for the church? It is hard enough to walk this path for ourselves, but it seems we have to go through it for others as well. It's hard not to say, 'Lord, that is just too much!' Is this Who Jesus is to us? If it is, then sometimes we get to pioneer in things called revelation and we get to bring it to other people. Every single one of us need to answer the question, is this Who Jesus is to me? Am I willing to walk the Colossians walk in order to gain the Colossians victory? No matter how you cut it, it is one tough question. Even if we are not called into the ministry, it is a difficult question. But every person who says yes to Christ is called to ministry and the job of the five-fold is to equip believers for the work of ministry. Why then do leaders go through the Colossians walk? So we can lead and guide other believers through it. Walking the walk enables us to talk the talk. If believers hope to walk through the last days and gain the promised harvest, they must know this Jesus. Is Jesus, the Jesus of Colossians, to us? There can only be one answer if we really want the fullness of Christ. We either yield to Him or we don't. Who is Jesus to us?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4

1 Thessalonians 2:1-4 says, *"For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict. For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit. But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts."* Do we know the God Who tests our hearts? Do we know the God Who demands that we be free of deceit, free of uncleanness, free of guile so that we can be trusted with the Gospel? Do we speak as those who refuse to please men? Do we pass the test that God brings to our hearts? It does not say He tested their minds, it says He tested their hearts. And do we pass God's heart-tests? Who is Jesus to us? Is He the God Who tests our hearts? Do we want to walk through the last days unscathed? Do we want to walk through the last days and gain a harvest? Then we had better know the Jesus of 1 Thessalonians.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:7-15

2 Thessalonians 2:7-15 says, *"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle."* Who is restraining that mystery of lawlessness? That would be the Holy Spirit in us. Do we know the God who can consume us with the breath of His mouth? Do we know the God Who slays the wicked with the words of our mouth? Do we recognize the workings of Satan with all power, signs and lying wonders? Do we recognize the unrighteous deception that is growing in the earth? Do we recognize the strong delusion that God is pouring out, even in various nations, causing people to believe lies?

Most of us likely know a brother or sister in Christ that believes the lies that “global warming” *justifies* job-killing policies or that abortion is OK and somehow *not* the shedding of innocent blood. The biblical is clear that God's armor contains lightning, wind, snow and hail, which can comprise our weather! There are strong delusions growing in the earth. And there are people prophesying devastation and destruction as God's judgment for lawlessness. But if we get to know Jesus the Judge, we can invoke the covenant of Sure Mercy in prayer. We can pray mercy on the nation and judgment on the perpetrators, as Moses did for Israel. If the church does not get to know Jesus the Judge then we may well see the devastation and destruction that is being prophesied in parts of our nation. Do we know the Jesus of 2 Thessalonians? It is imperative that we get to know Him and very, very quickly.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:11

1 Timothy 1:1-11 states, “...Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.” Do we know the Jesus of 1 Timothy 1:1-11? Do we know the Jesus Who outlines what is contrary to good doctrine? Do we know the Jesus Who outlines those who are lawless, insubordinate, ungodly, unholy and profane? Do we know the Jesus Who gives that list in His Word? The Jesus of 1 Timothy is very clear about what is righteous and what is unholy. Now those lines have been blurred in recent years. But they were certainly never blurred by Timothy. Why are the lines blurred today? Because we have people who refuse to preach passages like this in 1 Timothy. Refusing to preach it does not change the straightforward, inherent truth of the Word. Paul made it very clear Who Jesus is. He is the Judge of sin and He can destroy people who refuse to turn from it. Do we know the Jesus of 1 Timothy? Paul knew Him quite well. Well enough to articulate it and declare it as a plumbline for Timothy's life. I trust it is a plumbline for our life as well.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:6-9

2 Timothy 1:6-9 says, “Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,...” God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and of a sound mind. God gave us an eternal purpose. That eternal purpose dictates the call. The call determines the power necessary to bring the call to pass. And the power often determines the suffering. God gave us purpose when He created us before the foundations of the earth. That purpose determines our call. That call determines the power necessary to bring the call to pass. And the power necessary means it is going to be resisted and fought by the enemy and that brings obvious suffering. The enemy will inevitably war against the power it takes to bring our call to pass. We have to refuse to be discouraged by the warfare! We must refuse to give up and refuse to quit because we have gotten to know the Jesus of 2 Timothy. It is key and vital to be aware of and to understand the war that goes with the call.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Scripture: Titus 1:7-11

Titus 1:7-11 says, *"For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain."* If we are going to walk into leadership, then there is a list of characteristics that God expects us to gain. We need to be blameless, not self-willed, not quick tempered, not given to drinking too much wine, not violent, not greedy for money, hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. And verse 11 says we must be able to stop mouths that are rebellious and subverting the gospel. Do we know how to pray and stop a mouth? How did God stop the mouths of two people in the early church who were given to dishonest gain and had a money problem? How did God stop the mouths of Ananias and Sapphira? Do we walk in that dimension? The Bible says that if you and I are going to walk into leadership, we need to know how to stop mouths! Do we teach our leaders today how to pray so that they can move God's Hand to stop mouths? According to Paul who is writing to Titus, if we cannot pray and stop a mouth then we are not prepared for leadership in the Kingdom. Did Paul know how to stop a mouth? He stopped the mouth of a false prophet. He was specifically sent to Jerusalem at the same time Peter was taken in an attempt to kill him, just like James had been. But Paul was there and he knew the covenant of Sure Mercy and knew how to pray it. He knew how to stop mouths. Paul was part of the church that was praying against Herod. And did God stop Herod's mouth? Paul knew his covenant. He knew how to pray it, knew how to stand on it, knew how to act on it, knew how to pray it and knew how to decree it. Whether the result was blindness or death or bringing a rod, he knew how to do it. He brought a rod over sexual sin and the man repented. Paul knew how to bring a rod. The rod stopped mouths. And according to Paul, if we do not know how to stop mouths by the Holy Spirit, we do not belong in leadership. What does that mean for all of us leaders? It means we had better learn how to stop mouths the Bible-way, the prayer-way, the move-the-Hand-of-God-way, the covenantal-way, the Sure-Mercy-way, the Davidic-way. Is Jesus to us the One Who stops mouths? Do we know the Jesus of Titus?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Scripture: Titus 1:13-16

Titus 1:13-16 says, *"This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work."* Paul fought a real warfare. It was a warfare over traditional Jewish fables and false doctrine in Galatians. He fought the war of the law, grace and faith. Can we distinguish between law, grace and faith? Paul did. He knew this Jesus. We need to know this Jesus. Do we know Him? The same **judaizers (is this the correct spelling?)** of Galatians were facing Titus!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Scripture: Philemon 8-16

Do we know the Jesus Who asks us to forgive in order to bless? Philemon verses 10-15 state, *"I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me. I am sending him back.[a] You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel. But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary. For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever,..."* Onesimus was a bondservant that belonged to Philemon, but he had run away from his master. While he was on the run he got saved and became quite valuable to Paul. Paul ministered to him, brought him into the fullness of the Kingdom and then wanted to send him back to Philemon. The

letter to Philemon was to ask him to receive his bondservant Onesimus back without penalty. Do we know the God Who asks us to forgive betrayal and to accept it and to humble ourselves to all that implies? That is the story of Philemon. Philemon had to walk there over the issue of Onesimus because Paul asked him to. There is a high price tag to walking with God. There is no doubt about it.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Scripture: Hebrews 13:5-8

Hebrews 13:5-8 says, *“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’ Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”* These verses tell us that God will never leave us or forsake us, so we may take a bold stand, walk in faith and may remember Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. In the years of walking with Him, how often has it seemed like the Lord has left or is absent? How many of us have ever felt as if He was gone and we could not find Him anywhere? Yet we have been exhorted to remember He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. It takes real faith to walk out this passage. It is not easy – not for anyone. And yet, it is something God calls us to do. He calls us to be honorable, obey Him, let our conduct be without covetousness, be content with such things as we have. He will never leave us, never forsake us and He will bring us into the fullness of His promises. Doing this is a challenge when it does not seem or feel like the Lord is near. But the Jesus of Hebrews is the same yesterday, today and forever. Do we know this Jesus and are we walking with Him?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Scripture: James 5:3

James 5:3 says, *“Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.”* I had a young man tell me he thought he did not have anything treasured up at all. But the Lord said, “Wait a minute and think about third world countries. Do you have a car? Do you have a place to live? Do you have some money in your bank account?” All of a sudden he realized that compared to many Americans he did not have much money hoarded. But compared to third world countries, he had a lot. Suddenly, there was a personal application in this verse that he had not seen before. There was application in the verse that now applied to him. Would he be willing to give up his place, go do missionary work, or would he give up his home and his car? Hoarding for the last days does not seem to apply to us if we do not have substantial amounts of money in the bank. But for this young man, the Lord made it apply to him as it related to everything he possessed. Do we know this Jesus Who is going to not only penalize hoarders but define hoarding in a way we never imagined? This is one tough passage.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:15,16

1 Peter 1:15,16 says, *“...but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’”* In a culture of tolerance, where most sinful behaviors are tolerated, do we choose to believe that God is a God of Holiness? And will we walk with the God who is the God of Holiness? Do we know the Jesus of 1 Peter? Have we embraced Him? Are we walking with Him?

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Scripture: 2 Peter 2:1-3

In 2 Peter 2:1-3 we are told, *“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be*

blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber." Do we know the Jesus that says, 'Judgment has not been idle and destruction is not slumbering, but is coming, is flowing and is moving dramatically!?' Do we know the Jesus of 2 Peter? It appears that He may be visiting leaders and be ready to visit congregations.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Scripture: 1 John 4:17

1 John pretty much defines love but then in verse 4:17 says, *"Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."* Do we believe this? Do we believe that as Jesus is right now – the Judge of all the Earth – do we believe that as He is, so are we in this world? If we believe that, then we have access to His Judicial declarations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We can move the Hand of God toward judgment 24/7. Do we believe it? Are we preparing and acting accordingly? The Jesus of 1 John 4:17 pictures a people who have boldness in the Day of Judgment because they create it through their anointed prayers.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Scripture: 2 John 9

2 John 9 says, *"Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son."* Do we keep the doctrine of Christ? Do we walk with the doctrine of Christ? Do we know the doctrine of Christ? What do we say in the face of heretical doctrine? What do we say when a denomination says, 'We are going to ordain homosexuals?' What do we say when a denomination asks pastors to officiate in joining homosexuals in holy matrimony? Do we abide in the doctrine of Christ? If so, we have the Father and the Son. If not, we do not have either. Do we know the Jesus of 2 John?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Scripture: 3 John 4, 3 John 2

3 John 4 says, *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."* Do we walk in truth? If we are walking in truth, then we not only know what we believe, but we have accepted and chosen to walk with the Jesus of 3 John. When we do this, we qualify for verse 2, *"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."* If we choose to walk in truth, then we qualify to prosper in all things!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Scripture: Jude 3-5

Jude 3-5 says, *"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe."* Do we know the Jesus of Jude Who writes to us about a common salvation and says, *"You must contend earnestly for the faith."*? Certain men have crept into the church unnoticed and are turning the grace of God into licentiousness so that the church is denying the Lord by their actions. If saints believe that in the New Testament, there is no more judgment, we must simply open our Bibles and carefully read and study the *whole* counsel of God. Even compromised theology claiming the Old Testament is obsolete cannot ignore Jude's reference to it in verse 5. If saints are intent on claiming there is no more judgment, they have been taught corrupted theology, and have either not fully read the Word or have failed to let the Spirit lead them into truth. Jude 5 says that there is judgment, it will come and it might rest on their heads. Do we know Jesus the Judge of Jude. It is clear! It is simple and it is straight. Do we know this Jesus?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Scripture: Revelation 1:5,6

Do we know the Jesus Who says you are Kings and Priests? Do we know the Jesus of Revelation 1:5,6? Who is Jesus to us? Do we know the Jesus of the New Testament? If we do then we ought to accept the challenge to wrestle with key passages out of every New Testament book for honest study. Let us ask ourselves, do we know this Jesus? Who is Jesus to us? He emphasizes different things in different gospels. He emphasizes different things in different letters and epistles. Jesus is Priest, and He is also Judge. The two do *not* contradict, and one does not cancel out the other. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Are we willing to get to know the Jesus of *every* book in the New Testament? It is what we are called to do. In Jude, He is the Judge of all the Earth. Do we know Him as that? In Revelation, He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We are supposed to walk with Him. Do we want to live and walk with Him for Who He **fully** is?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Scripture: Revelation 19:11-15

Do we know the Jesus of Revelation 19:11-15? It says, *“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”* Do we know the Jesus of Revelation 19:11-15? He has a robe dipped in blood. He is the Judge of all the Earth. Do we know this Jesus? Do we know the Jesus Who out of His mouth comes a sharp sword? Do we have a sharp sword in our mouth? Do we know the Jesus Who will strike the nations? Can we pray and represent this Jesus? Do we know the Jesus Who will rule and pastor with a Rod of Iron? Can we pastor with a Rod of Iron? Do we know the Jesus that treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of the Almighty God? Do we know the Jesus Who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? If we do, then we are ready for the last days. If we do not, we had better go back to the New Testament and get to know the Jesus of the New Testament. Who is Jesus to us? He is very clearly presented throughout the New Testament and we are called to know Him in all His fullness. Let us pray that we get there, so we can save nations, preferably starting with the one in which we live. Let us be agents of salvation in the last days, realizing that in order to be a nation of salvation, we have to be a nation of judgment as well. Because only through judgment, can we save. That is the Jesus of the New Testament.

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