

The Three Christs of Ypsilanti



God Delusion

“An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest.” Luke 9:46; 22:24



God Delusion

- Arguing who is going to be the greatest
- My ideas are better and I didn't even need to consult God
- My position, my gifts, my abilities, my contribution is so important, that the organization would crumble without me
- Accept Jesus, but reject his message
- Love my position/role within the kingdom of God, more than my relationship with God itself





APPRENTICING WITH JESUS

He Must Increase
John 3:22-36

Behold the Lamb of God



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“Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him.” John 3:26



The Bridegroom

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“A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.’ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less.” John 3:27-30

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The One Who Testifies

“The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.” John 3:22-33 NIV



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The One From Above

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1. Lifestyle

- Don't spend money only on yourself - be radically generous.
- Sex outside of marriage is dehumanizing
- When your enemies attack you, you should respond in love
- Be a person of integrity - always tell the truth



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 2. Direction for your Life



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“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.” John 3:36 NIV



The One From Above

- I. Jesus Brings Clarity
- II. Jesus Brings Authority



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“For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.” John 3:34 NIV



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3. Spend time with God's people



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*“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called
“Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s
deceitfulness.” Heb 3:13 NIV*

