CITY CHURCH June 16, 2024

Father's Day Sermon

Title: What Kind of Man is Jesus?

There is a lot of confusion today for high school boys and young men.

What kind of man am I supposed to be? An Alpha Male like Andrew Tate? Or..an androgynous, apologetic male?

What Kind of Man is Jesus?

Revelation 5:5-8

5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

6 Then I saw a **Lamb**, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits[a] of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

LION = symbolizes strength, courage, leadership LAMB = symbolizes innocence, approachability, sacrifice

Jesus as a LION (of the Tribe of Judah - Gen 49:9)

Driving Out the Money Changers with a Whip (<u>Matt 21:12-13</u>)
Calling Pharisees Brood of Vipers and White-Washed Tombs (<u>Matt 12:34</u>)
Setting His Face To Jerusalem With So Much Opposition (<u>Luke 9:5</u>)
"Get Behind Me Satan" to Peter (<u>Matthew 16:23</u>)

Jesus as a LAMB

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

Jesus is not a Misogynistic Alpha Male, nor a Passive, Background Character.

[&]quot;Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (<u>John 15:13</u>)

[&]quot;For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Tim Keller

"Jesus is the Lion and the Lamb. Despite his high claims, he is never pompous; you never see him standing on his own dignity. Despite being absolutely approachable to the weakest and broken, he is completely fearless before the corrupt and powerful. He has tenderness without weakness. Strength without harshness. Humility without the slightest lack of confidence. Unhesitating authority with a complete lack of self-absorption. Holiness and unending convictions without any shortage of approachability. Power without insensitivity."

WHICH JESUS DO YOU WANT? The Lion or the Lamb?

YOU NEED JESUS...the Lion and the Lamb.

You need a LION to lead you and give you heaven's vision for your life. Without his leadership, you will self-destruct and hurt everyone around you.

You need a LAMB to love you sacrificially. To Forgive You. To Set You Free. Without the lamb's sacrifice, you will never know true love. Without the lamb, you will never be able to forgive and show compassion because you will be ensnared by your own folly.