





Sermon Two: He's Him

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Main Idea

Culture tells people to become their own source of identity, worth, and validation. But Scripture teaches that everything humanity was meant to be is found **in Christ**.

- **Culture says:** “Be him.”
- **Scripture says:** “Be in Him.”



Key Thought

All that humanity has the potential to be restored to and have is secured and established **in Him**. Our identity is not rooted in what we can achieve for ourselves, but in Christ.

I. Culture Is Forming Identity on the Wrong Foundation

We are living in a time where identity is being shaped by culture instead of Christ.

Three false foundations culture promotes:

- **Self-made identity** — “I define who I am”
- **Performance-based worth** — “My value is based on what I do”
- **External validation** — “I need others to affirm who I am”



Kingdom Truth

Identity, worth, purpose, and fulfillment are not found in self-construction. They are found **in Him**.

II. Discipleship Is About Formation, Not Information

Jesus did not call disciples merely to learn His teachings. He called them to be formed into His likeness.



Luke 6:40

“The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.”

A true disciple learns to:

- adopt the master’s worldview
- embrace the master’s values

- mirror the master's lifestyle
- reflect the master's character



Key Point

Not just informed—formed.

III. John Prepared Externally, Jesus Transforms Internally



Mark 1:7–8

John's ministry:

- external preparation
- baptism with water
- repentance as a sign

Jesus' ministry:

- internal transformation
- baptism with the Holy Spirit
- real empowerment
- life from the inside out



Key Point

John dealt with what people did. Jesus deals with who people become.

IV. Christianity Is Not Just Agreement — It Is Indwelling



Romans 8:9

"If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

Belonging to Christ is not just:

- agreement
- affiliation
- behavior

It is **indwelling**.



Key Point

The Holy Spirit is the indwelling presence of God who makes the life of Christ a lived reality in the believer.

V. What "In Him" Really Means

"In Him" is not just a phrase. It is a spiritual reality and a position.

"In Him" means:

- your life is located in Christ
- your identity is located in Christ
- your resources are located in Christ
- your future is located in Christ



Key Point

Everything God has for you is located in Him.

VI. The Holy Spirit Brings Us Into This Reality

The Holy Spirit is not just an experience. He is the One who brings us into Christ and forms Christ in us.

The Spirit:

- indwells us
- incorporates us into Christ
- empowers us to live from Christ



Key Point

We do not just believe in Him. We live from Him.

VII. Christ Is the Domain We Now Live From



Colossians 1:13

This is domain language.

A domain includes:

1. **Authority** — Who is in charge? Christ is Lord.
2. **Order** — What governs life? His truth and righteousness.
3. **Influence** — What shapes identity and conduct? His Spirit and nature.



Key Point

“In Him” is the realm where His authority rules, His presence fills, and His life defines us.

VIII. Jesus Is Not Just Savior and Lord — He Is Teacher

A Savior delivers you. A Lord rules you. A Teacher forms you.



Key Point

You cannot call Him Teacher and ignore His message.

IX. The Central Message of Jesus Is the Kingdom of God



Mark 1:14–15

Jesus came preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. His message was not merely about personal salvation. It was about the reign and rule of God breaking into human reality.

The Kingdom means:

- the rule of God
- the reign of God
- the domain of God
- life under His authority



Key Point

The central message of Jesus was the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

X. Repentance Is Necessary to Understand Jesus

To receive the message of Jesus, our thinking must change.

Repent means:

- change your mind
- realign your thinking
- come into agreement with God



Key Point

We will not understand His gospel, His actions, or His person unless our minds are renewed.

XI. Communion With the Father Comes Before Public Ministry



Mark 1:35

Jesus rose early and went to a solitary place to pray. Before returning to ministry demands, He went to the Father.



Lesson

Public power is sustained by private prayer.



Key Point

Prayer is not optional. Communion with the Father is the lifeline of everyone who is in Him.

XII. Purpose Must Be Greater Than Popularity



Mark 1:36–38

The disciples told Jesus that everyone was looking for Him, but Jesus remained governed by purpose. He was not led by crowds. He was led by calling.



Lesson

Attention must never distort assignment.



Key Point

A disciple must learn that being sought after is not the same as being sent.

XIII. The Heart of God Revealed Through Compassion



Mark 1:40–41

Jesus was moved with compassion and touched the leper. Mark is not just revealing what Jesus can do. He is revealing what Jesus is like.

Jesus teaches us:

- how to see people
- how to respond to brokenness
- how to carry truth with compassion



Key Point

Being a disciple is not just learning His doctrine. It is learning His heart.

XIV. Discipleship Means Being Formed by Jesus

Discipleship is more than receiving from Jesus. It is being shaped by Jesus.

If we are truly in Him, then we must:

- adopt His priorities

- embrace His purpose
 - reflect His compassion
 - follow His pattern
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Key Scriptures to Meditate and Memorize

- Mark 1:7–8
- Mark 1:14–15
- Mark 1:35
- Luke 6:40
- Romans 8:9
- Colossians 1:13