



## JESUS, PART 4: GREATER

Something in us is tempted to believe God loves his law more than his people. We're tempted to prioritize rules over people. Maybe you left church because somebody prioritized the Bible and laws over a person. But Jesus came to offer us a life greater than keeping religious rules.

**THE BIG IDEA:** There are no sacred sites; just sacred individuals.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a bad church experience? If so, to what extent was it caused by the church prioritizing the Bible or the law over you or other people?
2. Why is it so tempting to think of faith as obeying God's rules rather than living in a growing relationship with him?
3. [With your Bible or Bible App, read Mark 13:1-4.](#)

*<sup>1</sup> As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, "Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls." <sup>2</sup> Jesus replied, "Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!" <sup>3</sup> Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?"* [Mark 13:1-4 \(NLT\)](#)

4. Before Carlo's message, how aware were you of Jesus' prediction that the Temple would be destroyed? What was your reaction to that part of the message?
5. [With your Bible or Bible App, read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.](#)

*<sup>19</sup> Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup> for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.* [1 Corinthians 6:19-20 \(NLT\)](#)

6. If following Jesus isn't about rule-keeping, what does it mean for you to live as though your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? What is required of you?
7. During the message, Carlo said, "With the arrival of Jesus, there are no more sacred sites, objects, or geography. There are only sacred individuals. You're seated next to, married to, or raising a sacred person." In what ways should that idea influence how you express your faith in the way you treat others?
8. What is one thing you can do this week to take a first step or a new step toward following Jesus? How can this group support you?

### MOVING FORWARD

Something greater than a temple or law has come into the world: the life and light of God; his only Son, Jesus. And Jesus offers you the same invitation he offered to his first-century followers: "Follow me"—not because of faith but because he has demonstrated his faithfulness.

### WEEKLY READING

Spend some time this week reading and reflecting on Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.