

Why JESUS? Pt2

- **JESUS crossed the line.... JESUS claimed to be God! Jesus didn't say of himself that he was a good teacher or prophet....He made himself equal with God...in effect I AM GOD: All powerful, sovereign, creator, all dominion, The one true God, there is none beside HIM**

John 5:21-23 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. ²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ 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.

John 8:56-58 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad." ⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

John 12:44-46 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. ⁴⁵ **And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.** ⁴⁶ I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

John 14:6-9 Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." ⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

- **What kind of KING IS THIS...**

Matthew 21:5-9 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"¹⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!"

- Servant-king (John 13 washing feet)
 - Merciful/Forgiving (John 8 woman caught in adultery)
 - Adulterous hearts (Matthew 5:27-28)
 - Eating with Sinners (Mark 2)
 - Who is the greatest (Matthew 18 humble like a child)
- **What does it mean, today, to say that Jesus is KING, that he is LORD of the world?**
 - First it means He is my personal King/Lord/Ruler/Master
 - King/Lord of **broken bodies, broken lives, broken systems, broken countries, BROKEN WORLD**

God is at work in the world, and our task is to see what he's doing and to join in, to do it with him.

- **God Rules—Through US, as we establish HIS KINGDOM (domain)...**

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- His rule from heaven appears on earth as in heaven through US
- If lawlessness, hatred, perversions pervade...it's because his rule has not come to us & we have not extended it in our worlds
- God intended to rule the world through human beings. Jesus picks up this principle, rescues it, and transforms it.
- Jesus rescues human beings in order that through them he may rule his world in the new way he always intended.
- Jesus now exercises his rule in the world—through the church, which is his Body.

Eph 3:10 “God’s wisdom, in all its rich variety,” is to be “made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places—through the church!”

- This vision of the church's calling—to be the means through which Jesus continues to work and to teach, to establish his sovereign rule on earth as in heaven—