### Jesus and His Church – 3

"The Body"

### Intro: [Jesus in His church is the hope of the world]

Jesus is the head of the church (HIS BODY)

He lives in his body

The body is not one member, but many

I Corinthians 12:14, 20, 27 (ref)

Jesus is the head of the body and needs the foot (I Corinthians 12:21 ref)

#### [Importance of discerning the body]

I Corinthians 11:26-30 (GW)

weak? sick? sleep? (Die prematurely)

Discerning the body means strength; health; longevity

(personal & corporately)

(GW) I Corinthians 10:16 & 17 The bread we break (eat) is the body of Christ

Acts 9:4 & 5 (ref) Paul on the road to Damascus

verse 4 (NLT) "why are you persecuting me?"

verse 5 (NLT) "I am Jesus the one you are persecuting"

\*what if everything we <u>did</u> or <u>said</u> about the church Jesus took it personally?

(slander/gossip/murmuring....)

## [Matthew 25:31-46 (ref) FINAL JUDGEMENT]

### **Sheep Nations**

hungry? thirsty? strangers?

naked? sick? prison?

Verse 37-40 (NLT)

### **Goat Nations**

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hungry? thirsty? strangers?
naked? sick? prison?
Verse 41-45 (NLT)
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What we did or didn't do for one another

Was unto the Lord (He took it personally)

# [TAKE AWAY]

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#1 How do we view the body?
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(Theory / Theology / Truth)

- #2 Jesus loves His body? Do we?
- #3 Small groups (LIFE GROUPS)