

NOT MY JESUS

Reclaiming the Truth, Rejecting the Idols

LESSON 8 – NATIONAL JESUS

*“The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:16-20 (CSB)***

God Of the Whole World

1. The above scripture is often referred to as the **Great Commission**, a passage that not only outlines Jesus’s final instructions to His disciples but also underscores His global mission for the church.
 - A. The passage clarifies that Jesus is not a **national Jesus**; rather, His heart and mission encompass all nations, tribes, and tongues.
2. The Great Commission is a **call** to the universal church to participate in a mission that transcends borders, cultures, and ethnicities. The authority of Christ and the responsibility given to His followers emphasize the comprehensive nature of His love for the world.

Quote ~ *“There is no higher calling or greater privilege known to man than being involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission.”* ~ **Bill Bright**

- A. God’s heart is for the nations, and He calls on the church to also **care** about all nations.
- B. The Greek word for “nations” used here is **ethne**, which refers to people groups rather than geopolitical states. This indicates that Jesus’s heart is for every ethnic group, culture, and language in the world.
- C. Jesus’s **mission** was not just to Israel, which we see clearly throughout the New Testament. He is the God of the nations, so He desires to save people from every nation.

We should love the place where God has sovereignly placed us.

There are **four truths** we must keep in mind:

1. Our greatest **allegiance** is to Jesus.
We are called to be ambassadors for Christ.

*“We are therefore **Christ’s ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us.”*
2 Corinthians 5:20a

2. You don’t have to **hate** your country to love Jesus.

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever

rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.” **Romans 13:1-2 (NIV)**

3. No nation is perfect.

Every nation has things from the past that they're not so proud of and need to grow and improve.

4. We have freedom(s).

In America we have lots of freedom(s) to choose from. (Church, Vote, Schools, Speech ..etc.)