

Jesus: The Perfect Man

Mosaic Week 2

Luke 24:27 "Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."

Last week we saw that all creation was made through Jesus and for Jesus. He was the one who crushed the serpent's head on the cross and secured ultimate victory over Satan sin and death. Therefore we are called to battle against sin not for the victory but from the victory. We do this through our faith in Jesus Christ who is not only the Son of God but the Perfect Man.

This week we will see how sin spread like an infection invading mankind. We will track its spread from Cain, Adam's firstborn son, to the people of Noah's time and through to the Tower of Babel. Perhaps you have seen the sin of your own life and been frustrated by your own efforts to remedy it. Only faith in Jesus Christ can overcome sin in our lives, for He is the remedy.

Romans 5:21

So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (NLT)

Genesis 4:1-5

Cain and Abel are related as family and worshipers but very different when it comes to occupation and their approach to God.

Brothers...

Opposites...

The Heart of Faith

1. An obedient heart accepts God's ways of how to approach Him, a disobedient heart invents their own ways of approaching God. (Heb. 11:4)
2. False religion tries to be accepted on the basis of one's outward production of good works. Faith accepts God's provision for them and approaches Him in obedience.
3. Sin not removed by God in our lives leads to destruction and death. Sin removed leads to righteousness and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jude Verses 8-11

These people who... live immoral lives, defy authority and scoff at supernatural beings... they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction... for they follow in the footsteps of Cain, who killed his brother. (NLT)

Genesis 6:5 + Jeremiah 17:9

“The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

Tower of Babel

The Tower of Babel stands for mankind's idolatrous ambition apart from God. The cry was "Let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky... this will make us famous". Man's selfish ambition to establish collective unity apart from God was scattered and banishment was again the result.

Conclusion

On the road to Emmaus it is likely Jesus would have shown mankind's failure in his own attempts to reach God. But where man failed, Jesus succeeded!

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Romans 5:19 (ESV)

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