

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Jesus messed with people's lives.

When you think about it, it doesn't sound like that's what He was doing. He was an itinerant Jewish Rabbi that the people called a prophet because He wandered His way around Israel speaking to crowds. Because of their traditions and their hopes for freedom and respect, all the people saw Him as the Messiah, gaining popularity because of His incredible miracles.

But He was changing lives whether they knew it or not. Some of them – like the Twelve – He called away from their businesses and families to tour with Him. They became even more convinced He was the political Messiah, come to restore Israel's greatness and freedom. Was He spiritual? **Yes, and He never let them forget it.** But they lived in the political mess of the Roman Empire and that's what they saw as the biggest problem with life in Israel.

What do we think about in our lives? Progressives, liberals, Democrats, conservatives, Republicans, activists (of any kind), inflation, interest rates. It's all politics, sociology and money, and it's a mess. Jesus talks to us about what to think and how to believe in God, but our "**real**" lives never leave our minds. We have the same problem the first believers had: how to get our heads out of the day-to-day. **Jesus came to change the world.** Has it worked? 2,000 years later one out of every three humans is a Christian, so you tell me. Ephesians 4:20-24:

**But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.**

# Welcome!

May 28th, 2023



*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Youth in the basement

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; & Kid's Club

*THEOLOGICAL SEED*

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20



**Wednesday Bible Study** – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own. Kid's Club in the basement, learning about the Lord.

**Pray For America** – June 5 through July 4, 2023. There are brochures for this event on the table in the foyer. We want to join all the Assembly of God churches crying out to God for our nation.

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