Who is Jesus?

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Matthew 11:1-19

Have you ever been out in public and thought you knew someone- and even called that person's name- and even ran up to them and tapped their shoulder- AND IT WAS NOT THEM?

If you have not had an opportunity to watch the TD Jakes message on Redemptive Recognition- I would like you to go back, after our time together today- and watch it. Link to view: https://youtu.be/VapCM6X4tNU

The message from TD Jakes is amazing because our study of Matthew chapter 11 is about recognizing Jesus as the savior of this world- coming to set the captive free.

Matthew: 11:1:

11 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.^[a]

<u>Definition of Galilee: Revolution – a place where miracles took place</u>

This is significant for us because Jesus has endured all for us and there is nothing new under the sun that the Son of God has not seen or experienced. As Jesus was revolutionizing the lives of people in Galilee – John the Baptist (the prophet who paved the way for Jesus) did not recognize if Jesus was the One or should John be expecting someone else – Open your spiritual eyes to see what is happening around us.

Matthew 11:2:

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Some have wondered what is going on with the protests and at the same time we see justice beginning to be served- A revolution is happening- BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

Get in the word of God – EVERY DAY

- 1. Accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior
- Check your heart moment by moment and actions to make sure they are aligned with Christ

As Jesus is fighting the good fight of faith and fulfilling prophesy to set the captives free, heal the blind, make the lame to walk, the deaf to hear – this is NOT just literally but figuratively speaking.

Who do you stand with?

Who do you see when you see someone that looks different from you?

How do we move from observing to participation?

Jesus continues the work after instructing John's disciples.

This is significant because Jesus does NOT let anyone stop HIM from fulfilling the prophesy – we MUST do the same.

We cannot forget the people around us- God has called us to love one another and lift one another up.

I Thessalonians 5:11

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The WORK is not over- that is why we are still here."

The great commission:

Matthew 28: 16-20:

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Galatians 6:9:

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Matthew 11:4-5

⁴ Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy^[a] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

IN Biblical terms I think we have not reached the new church because we are ONE body in Christ Jesusas a world we are NOT there yet.

I Corinthians 12:12-27

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves¹² or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, ¹⁹ yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³

and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Matthew 11:20-24

Once we see Jesus as the Lord and savior we MUST repent.

Repent: Change of heart-TURN AWAY FROM SIN

Sin: Evil things we do, our inability to put God first, anything that separates us from the love of God- the ability to see God first before sin and evil

James 4:17

¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

To stand by and watch injustices and to NOTHING about it is sin- if you are a Christian. If you are not a Christian –

Luke 23:33-35:

33When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals, one on His right and the other on His left. 34<u>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up His garments by casting lots.</u> 35The people stood watching, and the rulers sneered at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."...

Matthew 11:25-30- Rest for the Weary

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

You may be tired but do not give up. Take care of yourself. Sleep, eat, laugh, cry, journal, walk- REST.

We are in a marathon not a race.

Links to Inspirational Songs for BLACKLIVESMATTER:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47-OfmAsM1w