ADOPTING THE PRACTICES OF JESUS TO NAVIGATE THE MODERN WORLD

OFJESUS



"If you want to experience the life of Jesus, you have to adopt the lifestyle of Jesus." JOHN MARK COMER "THE RUTHLESS ELIMINATION OF HURRY"



This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'

JEREMIAH 6:16



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A second angel followed and said, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,' which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."

REVELATION 14:8



After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. 2 With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Baby on the Great!' She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for **REVELATION 18:1-3**



every unclean and detestable animal. 3 For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed **adultery** with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her **excessive luxuries**.

REVELATION 18:1-3



REPENTANCE IS NEEDED



I In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

I7 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

MATTHEW 3:1-2

MATTHEW 4:17



Broadus used to say that this is the worst translation in the New Testament. The trouble is that the English word "repent" means "to be sorry again" from the Latin repoenitet (impersonal). John did not call on the people to be sorry, but to change (think afterwards) their mental attitudes (μετανοειτε) and conduct. This is John's great

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word (Bruce) and it has been hopelessly mistranslated. The tragedy of it is that we have no one English word that reproduces exactly the meaning and atmosphere of the Greek word. The Greek has a word meaning to be sorry (μεταμελομα) which is exactly our English word repent and it is used of Judas (Matthew 27:3).

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SEEK THE KINGDOM HIDING IN PLAIN VIEW



But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:33



3I So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:31-33



13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile." **JEREMIAH 29:13-14**



I6 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is **godless like Esau**, who **for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son**. I7 Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

HEBREWS 12:16-17



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