



Modern Jesus | King Jesus | Doug Wekenman
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START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

If you had to delete all but three apps from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

SHARE

Rate your week on a scale of 1 to 10. Why did you pick the number you did?

What was the high and low of your week?

What is one thing you are currently looking forward to?

GROW

Read Matthew 16:24-27

Last week we launched a new series called Modern Jesus. Jesus was a Jewish Rabbi who lived on the other side of the world in the first century. So why should we continue to follow Him today? Is Jesus still relevant? Who is he, and why should he matter to my life?

Doug opened the series by talking about all the ways this Jewish carpenter still affects our culture today. Jesus ended his life by hanging on a cross. At that moment, His life must've

looked like a complete failure to most people watching. But nothing could be further from the truth. Since that moment, his influence has not stopped growing. Usually, when someone dies, their impact on this planet begins to decrease. Jesus inverted the trajectory!

This quote from John Ortberg says it well:

“Jesus’ vision of life continues to haunt and challenge humanity. His influence has swept over history like the tail of a comet, bringing his inspiration to influence art, science, government, medicine, and education; he has taught humans about dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope... It is the name Jesus that desperate people pray, grateful people worship, and angry people swear... He is the man who won’t go away.”

- John Ortberg

What stuck out to you the most about this quote?

In your opinion, in what way has Jesus most impacted the world?

M O V E

Read Colossians 1:15-20

How would you summarize this short, but powerful passage?

What does this passage teach about Jesus? What does it teach us about God the Father?

Jesus is the image of the invisible God! Take a second and try to wrap your mind around how incredible that statement is. It means if we want to know what the Father (God) is like, we can learn everything we need to know by looking at Jesus. The Gospels (the stories of Jesus), teach us about the character and nature of God!

When Jesus tells the story of the Prodigal Son, He is reminding us that God is a loving Father who longs for us to join the party. When Jesus reaches out to social outcasts like the tax collectors, He is showing us that no one is too far gone for the Father to reach. When Jesus heals the sick, He is showing us that God wants us to be healed and whole.

Jesus is proof that the Creator of the Universe is a loving God who cares about you, is present in your pain, and wants to have a relationship with you.

Jesus is more relevant than ever because He is the image of the invisible God!

What are some other characteristics of Jesus? What is Jesus like? How does He treat people?

Take some time as a group to make a list:

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What does this list tell us about God?

P R A Y

As a group, spend some time praying for each other. If you are in a co-ed group, it can be helpful to break up into two groups in order to share more easily about your prayer request.

T O G O

"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God"

- Psalm 90:2