**Series: Come, Lord Jesus!**

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**Today: The Greatest Story Ever!**

Human history is the long, terrible story of mankind trying to find something other than God which will make them happy.” C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

1. **The Story Of Jesus Is Believable.**

“Rather than it being naïve to believe that Jesus walked the earth 2,000 years ago, it’s actually naïve not to.” – Rebecca McLaughlin

1. **The Story Of Jesus Is Royal.**

***Matthew 2:1-3***

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magifrom the east came to Jerusalem 2and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”*

*3When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him*

***John 18:33-37***

*33Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”*

*36Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”*

*37“You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”*

Kingdom of God is here and not fully here.

When Jesus is your king, you change…

* Loyalties
* Values
* Priorities
* Mission
1. **The Story Of Jesus Is Vital.**

***Matthew 1:21***

*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*

***Hebrews 7:24-27***

*24… because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25Therefore he is able to save completelythose who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*

*26Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.*

***Hebrews 10:10***

*… we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

1. **The Story Of Jesus Is Both Personal And Communal.**

***John 3:16-18***

*16For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.*

***Hebrews 10:23-25***

*23Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

“Life is the tale of two stories: one finite and frail, the other eternal and enduring. The tiny one – the story of us – is brief as the blink of an eye. Yet somehow our infatuation with our own little story – and our determination to make it as big as we possibly can – blinds us to the massive God story that surrounds us on every side. We can choose to cling to the starring roles in the little-bitty stories of us, or we can exchange our fleeting moment in the spotlight for a supporting role in the eternally beautiful epic that is the story of God.” - Louie Giglio