"IMITATION IS THE GREATEST FORM OF FLATTERY."

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"FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST." —LUKE 19:10

IONE DAY, AS JESUS WAS TEACHING THE PEOPLE IN THE TEMPLE AND PREACHING THE GOSPEL, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE SCRIBES WITH THE ELDERS CAME UP 2AND SAID TO HIM, "TELL US BY WHAT AUTHORITY YOU DO THESE THINGS, OR WHO IT IS THAT GAVE YOU THIS AUTHORITY."...

45 AND IN THE HEARING OF ALL THE PEOPLE HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, 46"BEWARE OF THE SCRIBES, WHO LIKE TO WALK AROUND IN LONG ROBES, AND LOVE GREETINGS IN THE MARKETPLACES AND THE BEST SEATS IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND THE PLACES OF HONOR AT FEASTS, 47WHO DEVOUR WIDOWS' HOUSES AND FOR A PRETENSE MAKE LONG PRAYERS. THEY WILL RECEIVE THE GREATER CONDEMNATION."

—LUKE 20:1-2, 45-47

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WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER JESUS, YOU DISCOVER:

I. JESUS SPEAKS WITH ULTIMATE AUTHORITY

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

OUR PURPOSE

WE WERE MADE BY GOD AND FOR HIS GLORY.

OUR PROBLEM

WE ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD BY SIN.

GOD'S PROVISION

JESUS CAME ON A RESCUE MISSION TO SAVE US.

GOD'S PROMISE

WHEN WE LOOK TO JESUS AND SURRENDER TO HIS AUTHORITY, WE CAN BE SAVED. (ROMANS 10:9-10)

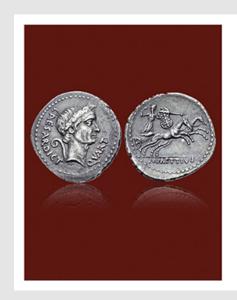
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13"THEN THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD SAID, 'WHAT SHALL I DO? I WILL SEND MY **BELOVED SON; PERHAPS** THEY WILL RESPECT HIM.' **14BUT WHEN THE TENANTS** SAW HIM, THEY SAID TO THEMSELVES, 'THIS IS THE HEIR. LET US KILL HIM, SO THAT THE INHERITANCE MAY BE OURS.' ISAND THEY THREW HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD AND KILLED HIM. WHAT THEN WILL THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD DO TO THEM?" —LUKE 20:13-15

WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER JESUS, YOU DISCOVER:

2. JESUS DEMANDS WHOLE-LIFE INTEGRITY (LUKE 20:19-26)

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13BE SUBJECT FOR THE LORD'S SAKE TO EVERY
HUMAN INSTITUTION, WHETHER IT BE TO THE EMPEROR
AS SUPREME, 14OR TO GOVERNORS AS SENT BY HIM
TO PUNISH THOSE WHO DO EVIL AND TO PRAISE THOSE
WHO DO GOOD. 15FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD,
THAT BY DOING GOOD YOU SHOULD PUT TO SILENCE
THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH PEOPLE. 16LIVE AS PEOPLE
WHO ARE FREE, NOT USING YOUR FREEDOM AS A
COVER-UP FOR EVIL, BUT LIVING AS SERVANTS OF GOD.
17HONOR EVERYONE. LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD.
FEAR GOD. HONOR THE EMPEROR. —1 PETER 2:13-17

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WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER JESUS, YOU DISCOVER:

3. JESUS EXPOSES RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY



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