

## Jesus Is Who You're Looking For

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:18–20)

The last chapter of Matthew is a window that opens onto the sunrise glory of the risen Christ. Through it you can see at least three massive peaks in the mountain range of Christ's character: the peak of his power; the peak of his kindness; and the peak of his purposefulness.

All authority is his — the right and the power to do his will. And he uses this power to pursue his unwavering purpose to make disciples from all the nations. And in the process he is personally kind to us, promising to be with us to the end.

We all know in our hearts that if the risen Christ is going to satisfy our desire to admire greatness, that is the way he has to be. Great in power. Great in kindness. Great in purposefulness.

People who are too weak to accomplish their purposes can't satisfy our desire to admire greatness. We admire people even less who have no purpose in life. And still less those whose purposes are merely selfish and unkind.

What we long to see and know is a Person whose power is unlimited, whose kindness is tender, and whose purpose is single and unflinching.

Novelists and poets and movie-makers and TV writers now and then create a shadow of this Person. But they can no more fill our longing to worship than this month's National Geographic can satisfy my longing for the Grand Canyon.

We must have the real thing. We must see the Original of all power and kindness and purposefulness. We must see and worship the risen Christ. (JP)

## Check Out Our New Website: mgfellowship.org

**MGFellowship Breakfast:** Join Us in Awesome Fellowship! Experience Uplifting Worship! Enjoy Great Food – Physically & Spiritually! When? Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Where? At the Home of Jeff Wood, 17530 McAllister Street, Riverside, 92503.

**Theology 101 – From the Mind to the Heart:** Our next Theology 101 class is this Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m...

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Tonight, we're going to finish our look at how Jesus helps us to deal with anxiety. See you at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday's Service:** Moving Forward Towards Christ-likeness and Assurance (Philippians 3:14-21) <a href="https://youtu.be/YdXVi7EgIGA">https://youtu.be/YdXVi7EgIGA</a>

**This Sunday's Message:** Moving from Anxiety to Peace (Philippians 4:1-9)



**Great Quote:** "Jesus is the Lion of Judah (Rev. 5:5) and the Lamb of God (Rev. 5:6) – He was lionhearted and lamblike, strong and meek, tough and tender, aggressive and responsive, bold and brokenhearted. He sets the pattern for manhood." (John Piper)

## **Prayer Needs:**

- **PTL!** Darlene's follow-up with her heart doctors was a God moment. Both doctors were nearly in tears because of how well she responded to the procedure!
- Please pray for the family of Charley Kirk. Pray that his death will impact millions for the Gospel of Christ and the hope of our nation! "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12:24)
- **PTL!** Jeff's surgery to remove a mass from his kidney was a success. Please continue to pray for a negative report.
- Please continue to pray for Mary. She is undergoing treatment for stage 4 kidney cancer. Please pray for healing and for more good days than bad ones.
- Please continue to pray for Mark N. He is at home and doing better each day but still needs complete healing from the effects of his illness.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or yea4god@gmail.com

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Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory! Pastor Mike