

Disenchanted With God

When The Jesus We Get, Isn't The Jesus We Want

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

THE JESUS THEY WANTED

Mark 11:1-11 (Matthew 21:1-11/ Luke 19:28-44/ John 12:12-19)

THE JESUS THEY GOT

1 John 2:1-2/ Romans 6:6/ 1 Peter 4:17/ Mark 15:6-15

- They wanted a Jesus who fixed **EARTHLY PROBLEMS**.
They got a Jesus who fixed our **ETERNAL PROBLEM**.
- They wanted a Jesus who destroyed the **ROMANS**.
They got a Jesus who destroyed the stranglehold of **SIN**.
- They wanted a Jesus who judged **BAD GUYS**.
They got a Jesus who dealt with our **SINS FIRST**.

DISENCHANTED: WHAT TO DO WHEN THE JESUS YOU GET, ISN'T THE JESUS YOU WANTED

- **FIRST**: Expect it. It will happen – **GUARANTEED**.
Isaiah 55:8-9/ Hebrews 11:6 (Genesis 3:1-7, Matthew 4:1-11, Proverbs 3:5-6)
- **SECOND**: Make up your mind, **WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS?**
- **THIRD**: Trust the process. This life is just **THE BEGINNING!**
1 Corinthians 15:19/ John 16:20-22/ Romans 8:28/ Psalm 73/ Habakkuk 3:16-19
Revelation 6:9-10/ Hebrews 11:6

Food for Thought for the week of September 8, 2019
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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1. This weekend in his message, Larry reminded us that the Jesus we get isn't always the Jesus we want. In the following verses, how do the writers of Psalms speak to the fact that God doesn't always move in the ways we expect?

Psalm 25:15-22 - *My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷ Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. ¹⁸ Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. ¹⁹ See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me! ²⁰ Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. ²¹ May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you. ²² Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!*

Psalm 13 - *How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?*

² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? ³ Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, ⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. ⁶ I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.

Psalm 90 - *Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. ² Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." ⁴ A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. ⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning: ⁶ In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. ⁷ We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. ¹⁰ Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. ¹¹ If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. ¹² Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. ¹³ Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. ¹⁶ May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. ¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.*

How do you typically respond...

When you're disappointed, either with God's response, or your perceived lack of his response?

When it's almost as though God hasn't heard your pleas and requests?

2. In Hebrews 11:32-40, how do you see the fact that life doesn't always turn out the way we want it to? As you reflect on these heroes of faith, what strengthens *your* faith so you can focus on God's love and care in spite of the struggle?

Hebrews 11:32-40 - *And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets,* ³³ *who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions,* ³⁴ *quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.* ³⁵ *Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection.* ³⁶ *Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.* ³⁷ *They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—* ³⁸ *the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.* ³⁹ *These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,* ⁴⁰ *since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.*