This World Needs Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

- Do you think maybe God spared his life so that he would have time to repent?
- And that tells me that I, and probably not alone on this, have a real priority problem.
- No matter what you think, what you feel, or where you've been, or how you reached your political conclusion, this world simply needs one thing, and it's Jesus.

1 The Gospel Is the Power of God to Salvation

Romans 1:16–17; Philippians 1

- For in it, the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, the righteous shall live by faith.
- Christians not only need this message, the world needs this message.
- Isn't that kind of strange that the Christian people who know Jesus died on the cross for our sins carry themselves like the biggest grumps?
- But the power of God to salvation means this isn't something that's just good. This is fantastic. We need to tell people, anyone who will listen.

2 The Unbelieving Gentiles Are Without Excuse

Romans 1:18–32

- The gospel is not just for good people, it's not just for the religious people, it's for the unbelieving Gentiles.
- For his invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world and the things that have been made, so they are without excuse.
- For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their foolish hearts were darkened.
- Jesus died for the worst idolaters there are.
- Now, can you believe that the start of the downfall of society would be because of not giving thanks?

3 The Name of God Is Blasphemed Because of You

Romans 2:17–24; Romans 3:21–25

- You then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal?
- For as it is written, the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.
- My influence can actually make those who are already in darkness worse.
- For there is no distinction, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
- They do not need President Trump, Biden, or Harris. They need the blood of the Savior.

4 Be Thankful and Honor Him

Romans 1:21

- Anyone is free to acknowledge God. And because of that, we, unlike the Gentiles who are highlighted for their failure, need to be thankful and honor him.
- Even when I know better, especially if I know better, I need to be more thankful.
- We need to be not only thankful to God, we need to honor him, and that's in actions, in words, and our most valuable commodity, our time.
- Wickedness does not improve with better law, it improves with the blood of Jesus.

5 We All Need Jesus' Blood

Romans 3:23; Romans 6:1–5; Romans 5:1–2

- How do we bring Jesus to a world? We recognize we all need Jesus. We all need his blood.
- Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- Believe that Jesus is the Christ. Confess Him as Lord. Repent of your sins. Be baptized.

6 Live Authentically Like Jesus

Romans 11; Romans 13

- Stop talking about politics, start talking about the Savior.
- Authentically like Jesus means caring about the things Jesus does. That's eternity.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Don't be like the people who are imposters. Be like the authentic Jesus.**

MY NOTES