



“Behold the Man”: What It Means To Be Made In God’s Image

Text: John 18:28–19:16

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John 18:28-19:16 talks about the conversation between Jesus and Pilate. This passage shows that Jesus and Pilate have two very different understandings of what it means to be in charge. In other words, Jesus and Pilate very much disagree with what real power looks like.

Understanding true power is important for us as believers if we’re going to walk God’s way.

To trust Jesus is to believe that God’s kingdom, God’s powerful rule over His creation, comes in a way that the world doesn’t expect.

God’s way of doing power is different than the world’s way. But doing power God’s way is what it means to be made in His image. You can’t be made in His image apart from doing power His way.

Man, as God’s image, was placed here for a purpose: Through this image, God can rule over His world in love and generosity.

The book of Genesis is the account of Creation. The Gospel of John is the account of the New Creation. In other words, John’s gospel takes the 7 days of creation in Genesis and transforms them through Jesus.

Many in Jesus’s day thought God’s image bearer would be a mighty king who would lead a victorious military battle. But in John, we get to see the “man” – the image of God in Jesus Christ. It’s the image of a bruised and bloodied God.

As we grow up as Christians, God calls us to walk in a way that’s more in line with His ways. No matter what we do try to achieve greatness, it won’t work unless we follow God’s way of doing power.



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