



IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS | PT. 2 | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

ACTS 1:4-11 NKJV ⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [\[c\]](#)witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Jesus Ascends to Heaven

⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**”

THIS SAME: 3778. houtos, hauté, touto: Demonstrative Pronoun (POINTS TO, IN THE CONTEXT) THIS SAME

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Jesus is not trying to hide from us, He has exposed Himself CLEARLY!

Jesus, in the first part of His ministry, did not reveal Himself to be Christ right away.

TRUTH: JESUS SHOWED ASPECTS OF HIS IDENTITY.

JOHN 14:8-11

Who's Jesus? Claims by action.

- 1. He claims that whatever God can do, He can do.**

People knew the supernatural followed the words of Jesus.

- 2. He claims authority over Satan.**

People watched Him command the demonic.

- 3. He claims He will die and come back.**

People watched Him raise people from the dead.

- 4. He claims He will give His followers something.**

People watched His followers minister, and miracles happened.

JESUS SAID THAT HIS PURPOSE WAS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.

LUKE 4:43 MATT 4:23 MARK 1:14-15

TRUTH: JESUS DID NOT CHANGE THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS. WHAT HE IS DOING IS FULFILLING THEM, AND THAT REVEALS HIS IDENTITY. (REF: MATT 5:17)

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS COULD NOT SEE JESUS' IDENTITY AS THE SON OF GOD BECAUSE HE DID NOT LOOK LIKE, SOUND LIKE, OR FUNCTION IN THE WAY THAT THEY WANTED OR EXPECTED

BE AWARE OF THE LEAVEN:

MATT 16:6

LEAVEN AS A SYMBOL:

- IT CAN BE A POSITIVE, OR A NEGATIVE.
- SOMETHING THAT CHANGES.
- SOMETHING THAT TAKES TIME.

WOULD WE RECOGNIZE JESUS IF HE WERE TO WALK INTO THIS ROOM IN HIS FLESH & BONE BODY?

WOULD HE RECOGNIZE US AS HIS FOLLOWERS?

TRUTH: ATTRIBUTES ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY OFTEN REVEAL THE SOURCE.

Attributes can be both positive or negative.

Matthew 7:15-20

JOHN 14:25-26

KEY: If you want to know if something is of the Holy Spirit, you filter it through: Does it align with the Word? Does it function like Jesus?

WHAT ATTRIBUTES SHOULD THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST, OF THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM, CONTAIN?

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-7

LET'S ACTUALLY DEFINE WHAT A MINISTRY IS.

Diakonia:

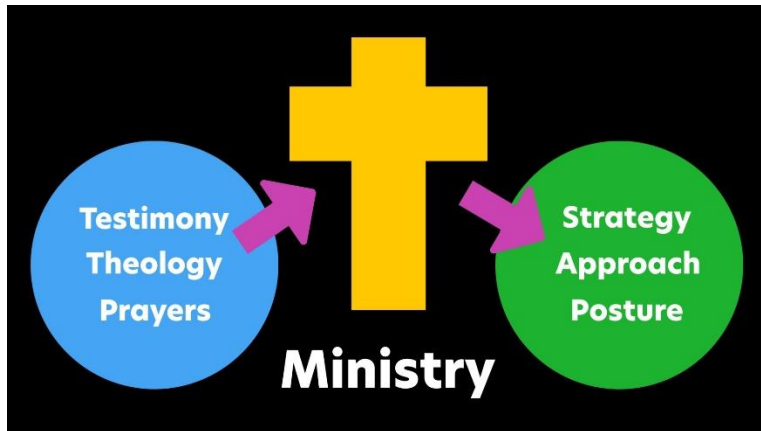
(HELPS Word-studies)

Cognate: 1248 *diakonía* – *ministry*; **active service, done with a willing (voluntary) attitude.** [See 1249](#) (*diakonos*).

For the believer, [1248](#) /*diakonía* ("ministry") specifically refers to **Spirit-empowered service guided by faith** ([4102](#) /*pístis*, "the Lord's inbirthed *persuasion*").

MINISTRY IS NOT:

- A LIMITED CLASS
- A STATUS SYMBOL
- A HUMAN TRAIT



2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-7

KEY: MINISTRY IS ANYTIME A CHRISTIAN ALLOWS THE LIGHT OF GOD TO SHINE THROUGH THEM, POINTING TO THE GOSPEL OF JESUS... BECAUSE LIGHT CHANGES EVERYTHING.

Let's talk about light.

SOME OBSERVATIONS:

DARKNESS:

- -Hides
- -Cools
- -Induces fear
- -Symbolizes void/emptiness

LIGHT:

- -Can purify
- -Helps things grow
- -Illuminates
- -Changes the atmosphere

TRUTH: Concealing our sin in “darkness” will never enable us to truly live in the “light”.

LIGHT AS THE “GAMECHANGER”:

ACTS 7:54-60 ACTS 8:1-8 ACTS 9:1-22

TRUTH: Paul couldn't see clear without light, then he is exposed to the light of the world and his vision drastically changes! Literally and figuratively.

Sometimes in the Kingdom to lose is to gain. We need a renewed vision but we must also kill the old one.

IF GOD CAN TAKE A MAN WHO WAS LITERALLY KILLING HIS CHURCH AND DRASTICALLY CHANGE HIM TO BECOME ONE OF THE GREATEST HEROES OF THE BIBLE AND THE REASON WE ARE HERE TODAY (AS MISSIONARIES TO GENTILES), THEN IMAGINE WHAT HE CAN DO WITH YOU!

ACTS 26:9-18

REAL MINISTRY REQUIRES THE ATTRIBUTE: LIGHT.