

# Jesus! My Beloved, My Friend

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## I. His Leadership is Perfect

- A. Son 5:11 His head *is like* the finest gold;
- B. Eph
- C. In the Nations
- D. History unfolds the story of His leadership in the affairs of mankind
- E. From the garden of Eden to His glorious rule and reign upon the earth, He has always been and always will be the Sovereign King
- F. All the wickedness of mankind, fed by the darkness of Satan has not been able to foil the working out of His perfect plans to redeem a remnant of humanity for His very own
- G. Nations rise and fall at His Word, rulers reign and rulers are removed by His command.

**Dan 2:20** Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him. "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding. "It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him.

- H. The wickedness that proceeds from the heart of man is dealt with in His perfect ways and His ways are not our ways, our thoughts are not His thoughts, but He is perfectly just and his judgments are true.

**Rev 15:3** And they \*sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

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**Rev 19:1** After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER."

**I. In our day, as the world increasingly attempts to throw off his rule and reign, we are rushing towards His glorious return.**

**Psa 2:1** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

**Psa 2:4** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

**Psa 2:7** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

**Psa 2:10** Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**J. Jesus and the apostles warned over and over again the world will become more evil and that Jesus will shake the nations through increasing natural calamity and human aggression.**

**K. Shaking is two-fold - wickedness and sin must be accounted for and he releases natural calamity and war as measures of his judgment against evil. Isaiah & Jeremiah**

**1. Nahum 1**

**L. These same catastrophes great and small are also his acts of mercy towards people. He knows what it will take to cause the human heart to turn in repentance. The judgments that Jesus releases will remove all that hinders love so that multitudes are saved and mature in love. He uses the least severe means to reach the greatest number of people at the deepest level of love.**

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**M. We need to be asking the right questions about what is happening in the world today. Asking Jesus what is happening as His perspective is far more accurate than man's weak human explanations.**

1. **Global warming**
2. **We will overcome mentality**
3. **All the humanistic efforts**

**N. A coming shaking Dream Matt 7**

## **II. In the Church**

**A. Jesus is the head of the Church. We are the body. It is his church, we are his bride. He loves us with the greatest of love possible.**

1. **Eph 5:22-32**
2. **Col 1:8**
3. **Col 2:10..**

**B. It is this very love that does not allow for a bride that continually wanders from his truth, seeking out other lovers.**

**C. Throughout time, he has continually called people to be in right relationship with Him. Israel was lifted up to be a people who would demonstrate what it meant to be a people who knew Him. Yet in his perfect leadership, he knew they would fail.**

**D. It was through Israel, that the promised seed of redemption would come and though they wandered and failed in so many ways, his ultimate grace will call many of them to Himself as he puts a new heart within them at the end of the age. We are already seeing this happen on a small scale!**

1. **Rom 10**

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**E. Because He loves the church and we as gentiles and believing Jews are brought together into His one bride, He is zealous for us to walk side by side with him as his bridal partner, to rule as kings and minister as priests in his glorious kingdom.**

**1. 1 Peter 2:9**

**F. He is zealous for His bride to know him and walk in this world in a way that is worthy of Him and the calling he has upon the church.**

**G. The seven churches of Revelation are the expression of his jealousy over the church. What he sees in these seven churches, both the expression of his praise and the correction and calls to repent and overcome are the same things that he sees in the church worldwide today. To varying degrees, these 7 churches represent congregations around the globe today. I believe we can find elements of 6 of the 7 churches right here in Elk River today and we only have about 30 congregations!**

**H. Amos 7 - plumb line**

**1. Our foundation**

**2. Our cornerstone**

**3. The church must come back into alignment (agreement) with Jesus. He is the head, he is the leader.**

**I. Is Jesus' the leader in your church? Do visitor and guests know He is regardless of the day they come? It's easy to assent to give lip service to this, it's another to live it out and demonstrate it daily in the life of the church.**

**J. Pastors! It's your job to lead and point your people to Jesus. Everything else is secondary. He didn't just save us, He is our King, He is our Bridegroom God.**

**K. If the primary focus of your church is not on Jesus, then Jesus is not leading your Church!**

**L. What do you do? Start praying, start asking your leaders for more of attention on Jesus.**

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## III. In our lives

**A. Hebrews we are told to 'Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith' His leadership is perfect**

**B. Bride enjoys the fellowship, but balks when he calls her to come.**

**C. If we don't walk in obedience, then how do we call him 'Lord' ?**

### **D. Ps 23**

- 1. Yahweh is my Shepherd - I am the good Shepherd John 10:11**
- 2. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake**
- 3. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...**
- 4. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies..**