### Appearances that do not match Reality

- When do appearances not match reality?
- What if this happens for the most important questions in life?
  - Where is God?
  - Whom does He bless?
- What is really real in the most important questions?

# **Inside Out**

### Psalm 110

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Mark 14: Jesus has been betrayed by a key follower, denied by a key follower, and abandoned by the rest. He has been arrested and shamed by the authorities of His people. He is about to be tortured and crucified with intense very public shaming.

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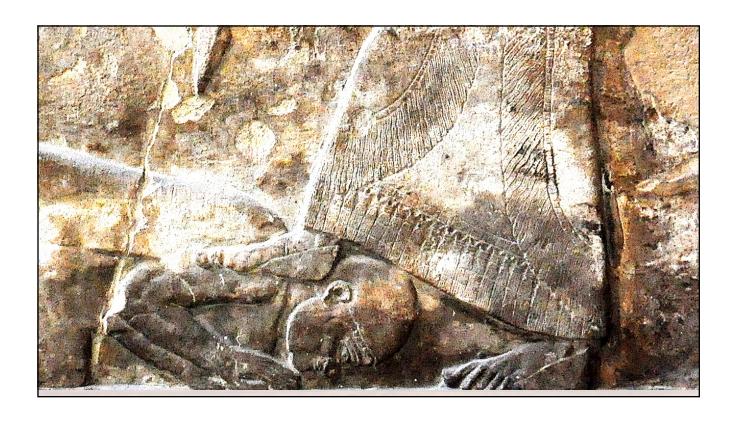
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Mark 14:61-62

Jesus is quoting Psalm 110

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### Melchizedek in Genesis 14

- Abraham (most honored of the Jewish people)
  - Returned from victorious battle
  - The priest Melchizedek blessed Abraham
  - Abraham gave Melchizedek a gift as thanks to God

### Melchizedek in Genesis 14

- Who was Melchizedek?
  - The name Melchizedek means:
    - King of Zedek
    - King of Righteousness
  - His title
    - King of Salem (Jerusalem)
    - King of Peace (Shalom)
  - Priest of God Most High

### Melchizedek in Genesis 14

- He was greater than Abraham: blessing and offering
- Symbolically eternal
  - No mention of birth (beginning) or death (end)
- Separate from Jewish priesthood
  - He was before Aaron, the first and greatest Jewish priest
  - Blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience (Deuteronomy 28)

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- 5-7: His victory: complete over all

# Jesus used this psalm (Matthew 22)

- Jesus quoted Psalm 110:1
  - "The LORD says to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."
  - King David is the author
  - "my Lord" = Messiah: God's anointed/chosen one
    - Messiah is a descendant of David
- Question: How can the descendant of King David be greater than David (the greatest king)?
- Answer: The son (Messiah, Jesus) is God

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The Big Idea

God the Father
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in authority, power, and honor
over all
forever.
We just can't see it yet

- 1. We have a choice
  - Gladly bow: worship and obey
  - Why?

# *Implications*

- Honor (or shame) to our head is honor to us
  - "We won!"
    - Individualistic versus Collectivist understanding
  - Honor to Jesus is honor to us when we gladly worship
  - "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

    \*\*Romans 8:16-17\*

- 1. We have a choice
  - Gladly bow: worship and obey
  - Rebelliously bow (we will eventually have to submit)
    - Active resistance: mock, attack, rebel
    - Passive resistance: ignore

# "Nothing ever changes"

- "The more things change, the more they remain the same"
- Magnetic north pole
  - It moves about 35 km every year
  - Every now and then, it turns upside down
- 15,000 years ago right here. What would you notice?
  - 1-2 miles deep of ice!

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.'

Zephaniah 1:12

### *Implications*

- 2. See the world with Christian eyes
  - Resurrection is central to all
    - Life AFTER death
  - Jesus' victory was AFTER death

# **Inside Out**



### **Implications**

- See the world with Christian eyes: Inside out
  - Resurrection is central to all: life AFTER death
  - Jesus' victory was AFTER death
  - Our victory is AFTER death
    - To self: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

• To sin: "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."

\*\*Romans 6:11\*\*

- See the world with Christian eyes: Inside out
  - Resurrection is central to all: life AFTER death
  - Jesus' victory was AFTER death
  - Our victory is AFTER death
    - Love enemies, bless those who curse
    - Put others before yourself
    - Be generous
    - Flee from all sin
    - Seek not to be served, but to serve

### *Implications*

- See the world with Christian eyes: Inside out
  - Resurrection is central to all: life AFTER death
  - Jesus' victory was AFTER death
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  - These things bring blessing and reward LATER
    - "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

      1 Corinthians 15:19
    - "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."

      1 Corinthians 9:25

- · How?
  - "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
    Colossians 3:23-24
  - Resurrection thinking
    - life and reward come AFTER death
    - As Jesus did: for future joy, we endure challenges that come in following God (Hebrews 12:2-3)

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