

UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

THE JOURNEY OF JESUS, PART 2

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- **If you make your life all about you, all about self, in the end, you don't just hurt yourself, you lose yourself.**

Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

Mark 8:35-36

**Jesus came to establish:
a new Covenant
a new Command
a new Movement**

...go and make disciples of all nations...

Matthew 28:19

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 2:1

- **Jesus was tempted to choose the "me first" way, or the "way of this world."**
- **The way of Jesus seemed "upside down."**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is also written, do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

Matthew 4:1-10

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit...

Luke 4:13-14

Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

- **In Jesus' upside down kingdom,**
 - **power is used for the powerless,**
 - **wealth is used for those in need,**
 - **influence is used for those without a voice.**