

# **Jesus Changes Everything**

**1-13-19**

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**Luke is presenting his investigation of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We see Jesus exploding on the scene. Jesus has just gone to a funeral and touched the coffin and the dead man comes to life. Jesus is changing everything! However, at this moment, John the Baptist, who proclaimed Jesus and HIS ministry, is in prison. Therefore John is wondering if Jesus is really the one that God promised? John sends some disciples to ask Jesus if he really was the One God promised? When John disciples arrive, Jesus was performing many miracles. In answer to John’s disciples question, Jesus says: Luke 7:22, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard!”**

**Bottom Line: Tell John things are happening; The Kingdom is here!**

**Jesus changes everything. The world is different and it will never be the same! Now we return to this stunning statement:**

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John was an OT prophet just like Moses, Isaiah, Daniel, etc. **Jesus says that the “least” in the Kingdom is greater than John. Therefore the “least” of people who accept Christ as Savior, those in the kingdom, are greater than John and all the OT prophets. Those who accept Christ are moved, transferred, into the kingdom of God.**

Colossians 1:13 (ESV)

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and **transferred** us to the kingdom of his beloved Son!

**Therefore if you are in the Kingdom you are greater than John the Baptist! The kingdom comes spiritually to all believers when we trust Christ.**

**If we are greater than John and all the OT prophets what authority and power do we have in this world? Jesus gives us an example:**

Matthew 12:28 (ESV)

But if it is by **the Spirit of God** that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God **has come upon you.**

**Jesus’ authority and power working on our behalf in this dark world is the Kingdom working on earth! When Jesus returns HE will change the physical earth to conform to the spiritual kingdom already in operation here. However we have spiritual authority “now” while we wait for Jesus’ return!**

**This is wisdom, authority, and power can only be exercised by the children of God, those who trust in Jesus.**

Luke 7:35 (ESV)

Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.

**Wisdom becomes evident, because the heart set on the world and the heart set on Christ becomes evident.**

Titus 1:15 (ESV)

To the pure, **all things are pure**, but to the defiled and unbelieving, **nothing is pure**; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.

**The pure in heart receive and act on truth! The defiled will not accept the truth even if Jesus stood before them and spoke it.**

1 John 3:1 (ESV)

The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

**People hear and act according to their heart, according to their hope, according to their destiny!**

1 John 4:5–6 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. **Whoever knows God listens to us**; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. **By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

**We now understand what is going on in the world around us! However we also understand who we are. **We are greater than John the Baptist and all the OT prophets.** It is our responsibility to grow in that knowledge which will confirm the reality of Christ in us! We as Christians are to behave according to who we are, according to who we serve, and according to our destiny!**

2 Peter 1:10 (ESV)

Therefore, brothers, **be all the more diligent** to confirm your calling and election, for if you **practice** these qualities **you will never fall.**

**#1 Be diligent about the things of God!**

**#2 Practice the things you know and you will never fall!**

**Jesus has transformed us and given us authority and power. The reality of all eternity is: Jesus Changes Everything! Embrace the authority and power God has given us!**

2Cor.5:21 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***