## What Is Jesus Christ So Passionate About?

## Review

- 1. The Lord's charge to me was to make this teaching about his Kingdom more personal
- 2. We identified what the Kingdom was not.
  - a. The Kingdom has been inaugurated but not yet consummated
  - b. The Kingdom is not heaven.
  - c. The Kingdom is not the church
  - d. The Kingdom is not a place: in other words, the Kingdom is not an issue of land but of Lordship
- 3. Last time we identified what the Kingdom looks like when it touches our lives and the lives of those around us
  - a. The Kingdom is the power of the Holy Spirit to bring forgiveness for our sins and salvation grounded in a personal relationship with God, our Father, our Creator, and with his Son, Jesus Christ
  - b. The Kingdom of God is the power of the Holy Spirit to bring physical healing to our bodies
  - c. The Kingdom of God is the power of the Holy Spirit to bring mental and emotional healing in our lives
  - d. The Kingdom of God is the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to drive out demons and to set people free
  - e. The Kingdom of God is the power of the Holy Spirit to release righteousness, peace, and joy into our living
  - f. The Kingdom of God is the power of the Holy Spirit to create and shape a spiritual community, a God-filled family of Christian men and women who live in harmony and love

g. The Kingdom of God is the power of the Holy Spirit to bring us into an intimate knowledge of and relationship with our King, Jesus Christ

## Session Two: What is Jesus Christ so passionate about?

- 1. Jesus is passionate about his Father
  - a. **John 17:26** (TPT) I have revealed to them who you are and I will continue to make you even more real to them, so that they may experience the same endless love that you have for me, for your love will now live in them, even as I live in them!
- 2. Jesus is passionate about his Father's will
  - a. **John 4:31-34** (ESV) Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.
- 3. Jesus is passionate about the "joy set before him"
  - a. **Hebrews 12:1-2** (ESV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

- 4. Jesus is passionate about the unifying of heaven and earth
  - a. **Ephesians 1:9-10** (ESV) making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.
- 5. Jesus is passionate about integrating matter and spirit
  - a. **John 3:34** (TPT) The One whom God has sent to represent him will speak the words of God, for God has poured out upon him the fullness of the Holy Spirit without limitation.
- 6. Jesus is passionate about a new mode of existence for all humanity
  - a. **Philippians 3:20-21** (ESV) But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself
- 7. Jesus is passionate about his bride
  - a. **Song of Songs 4:9** (TPT) For you reach into my heart. With one flash of your eyes I am undone by your love, my beloved, my equal, my bride. You leave me breathless—I am overcome by merely a glance from your worshiping eyes, for you have stolen my heart. I am held hostage by your love and by the graces of righteousness shining upon you.