

Message Outline: “Monster Moves” June 5, 2011

Texts: Acts 1:1-11, Colossians 3:1-4 Rev. Steve Kooy, CRC Campus Minister: Queen’s University

Context (Acts 1:1-11)

After Jesus had risen from the dead, he spent _____ days on earth teaching about his _____.

When he was done preparing his followers for their mission, Jesus gave them his blessing, and then left in a spectacular scene of divine _____. It was a dramatic climax that demonstrated that Jesus was _____, and that a new _____ had come.

Why does Jesus’ ascension matter to us? (Heidelberg Catechism QA 49)

It means we have an **A** _____ in heaven.

We have a **G** _____ that God will save his followers in the end.

Jesus’ ascension opened the way for the **S** _____ to come with power and transformation. It _____ means that Christ’s Kingdom has taken another big step forward to being totally fulfilled.

Jesus’ ascension was a M _____ M _____ for his Kingdom.

What are we supposed to do about it? (Colossians 3:1-4)

Paul says if we have been raised with Christ, if we are a follower of the ascended Jesus, and he has given us new life, then the goal of our lives is “_____”.

What does “things above” *not* mean?

The physical earth is _____, and we need to deny our selves of every material thing.

We should ignore our _____ existence.

What does “things above” mean?

Our whole existence needs to be focussed on _____ and his _____.

We make Christ’s heavenly values and goals, our earthly values and goals.

Our objective is bringing _____ down to _____.

If we want to be part of Christ’s Kingdom coming on earth, it first must come in our own _____.

1. P _____ (Colossians 3:1)

What would happen if Christians had passion for the Kingdom like _____ fans have for their game?

How important is the Kingdom of Christ for us? What would we give up for it?

There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living. (Nelson Mandela)

2. M _____ (Colossians 3:2)

God wants to transform us by transforming our minds. What does this look like for you?

I need to:

- _____ feed my mind with more Scripture.
- _____ protect my mind from harmful images.
- _____ use my mind to help others.
- _____ focus my mind on more Christ like thoughts.
- _____ other:

“A mind is a terrible thing to waste.” (United Negro College Fund)

3. I _____ (Colossians 3:3)

If we have received the message of the Gospel, we have a new identity in Christ. We have become _____ of God’s Kingdom, and we are on a mission.

Everything Must _____.

Everything needs to reflect our Kingdom identity and our mission.

Conclusion

“All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move.” (Benjamin Franklin)

Which will we choose to be when it comes to Christ’s Kingdom?

