

## Jesus Has Left The Building

- Introduction:
1. If we desire to be followers of Jesus, we must leave the building.
  2. God has always called people to a work to which he “sends” them.
  3. That’s not a throw off on what takes place here today, but it does emphasize the importance of “leaving the huddle.”
  5. Let’s discuss ways to get out of the building, by examining how the first century disciples did it.

### I. **They Changed their OUTlook**

- A. They were ruined for this world.
- B. (Philippians 3:3-9).
- C. (Colossians 3:1-3).
- D. (Galatians 2:20).
- E. (Hebrews 11:10,13-16).
- F. As Christians, we need to be ruined for the world and living with anticipation for the next.
  1. Humanist Manifesto - Says that to speak of Heaven and Hell distract people from present concerns and is little more than an illusion.
  2. Far from it. Living for Jesus gives meaning to life, restrains sin, and uplifts virtue and morals.
  3. Tell me, how many hospitals, orphan homes, homeless shelters, etc. have been started by atheists?
- F. Let the anticipation of Heaven ruin your love for this world.
  1. Our Journey Begins With Excitement And Anticipation In The Beginning
    - a. Who can’t remember the relief and joy one felt when they surrendered their life in obedience to Jesus?
    - b. In fact, remembering this excitement is important to our spiritual life (Revelation 2:5).
    - c. (Acts 8:39).
  2. Our Journey Is Sometimes Difficult And Dangerous
    - a. (Matthew 7:13-14).
    - b. Though your pace may slow to a crawl, don’t give up.
  3. On Our Journey There Is A Tendency To Turn On Each Other
    - a. (Ephesians 4:31; Galatians 5:15).
  4. On Our Journey, It Is Easy To Get Distracted
    - A. (Matthew 13:22; Matthew 16:26; 2 Timothy 4:10).
  5. The Destination Makes The Journey Worthwhile
    - A. (Revelation 21:4; Matthew 25:21,34).

- Conclusion:
1. Remaining in the building is not an option if we want to go to Heaven.
  2. We must leave, with a renewed OUTlook on life and what really matters.
  3. Heaven surely will be worth it all!
  4. Jesus has left the building, will you follow him?