

# **THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL**

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## Introduction

Good morning. There is a profound mystery hidden within the Gospel—not just about salvation, but about identity. Today, we are diving into our message, "The Mystery of the Gospel: From Servants to Friends, From Flesh to Incarnation."

We often think God created us to work for Him, but the truth is far deeper: He created us for relationship. In this session, we will uncover how the incarnation of Jesus allows Christ to live in us, transforming our status from religious servants into intimate friends and heirs of God's kingdom.

Whether you are seeking to understand your spiritual authority, your heavenly inheritance, or the true meaning of divine love, this message will shift your perspective. Let's open our hearts to the revelation of who we are in Him.

## Why God Created Us in His Image: From Servants to Friends, From Flesh to Incarnation

### 1. Created in His Image for Fellowship

God did not create mankind because He needed workers—He already had angels, “ministering spirits sent to serve” (Hebrews 1:14). He created humanity because He desired relationships, fellowship, and family.

“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.”  
— Genesis 1:26

Being made in His image means we were created with the capacity to know Him, love Him, and walk with Him.

This is why:

“They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day.”

— Genesis 3:8

Humanity was created for intimacy, not servitude.

## 2. God the Father Became Incarnate in Jesus

The incarnation is the ultimate revelation of God’s desire for a relationship.

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

— John 1:14

Jesus is not a lesser being. He is the fullness of God in human form:

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”

— Colossians 2:9

God the Father expressed Himself fully in Jesus—His nature, His love, His character, His glory.

## 3. Born Again: The Fullness of the Father Incarnated in Us

Just as the fullness of the Father was incarnated in Jesus, the fullness of God comes to dwell in us when we are born again.

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

— Colossians 1:27

“We have received the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God.”

— 1 Corinthians 2:12

Jesus prayed:

“The glory You have given Me, I have given them.”

— John 17:22

This means:

- We are His children
- We share His nature
- We carry His inheritance
- We walk in His authority
- We live in His love

“As He is, so are we in this world.”

— 1 John 4:17

This is not future tense.

It is now.

## **4. Our Heavenly Heritage in Christ**

When we are born again, we receive:

All Heavenly Power

“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”

— Acts 1:8

All Heavenly Authority

“Behold, I give you authority... over all the power of the enemy.”

— Luke 10:19

All Heavenly Love

“The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.”

— Romans 5:5

All Heavenly Inheritance

“He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”

— Ephesians 1:3

We are not beggars.

We are heirs.

## 5. Ruling With Christ in Heaven and on Earth

The New Testament is clear:

We are not waiting to rule with Christ someday.

We are ruling with Him now.

“He raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms.”

— Ephesians 2:6

“They shall reign on the earth.”

— Revelation 5:10

Our position is heavenly.

Our mission is earthly.

Our authority is eternal.

## 6. From Servants to Friends — The Revelation of John 15

Jesus made a radical declaration:

“I no longer call you servants... I have called you friends.”

— John 15:15

Why?

Because servants obey commands,  
but friends receive revelation.

“A servant does not know what his master is doing.”

— John 15:15

The mysteries of the Kingdom—the gospel, the New Covenant, the revelation of Christ—are given to friends, not religious servants.

## 7. Oil in the Lamp:

Revelation for Friends

The Holy Spirit reveals the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:10).

But He reveals them only to those who walk with Jesus as friends.

This is the meaning of the “oil” in the parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25).

Oil represents intimacy, revelation, and the Spirit’s illumination.

Without oil → spiritual blindness.

With oil → spiritual revelation.

## 8. Jesus Died for His Friends

Jesus said:

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”

— John 15:13

He died for the whole world (John 3:16),

but He calls into friendship those who respond to His love.

Friendship with Jesus is the highest calling of humanity.

## 9. The Mark of His Friends: is the Agape Love.

Jesus said His friends are known by one thing:

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”

— John 13:35

A friend of Jesus:

- Loves all people
- Shows mercy
- Blesses enemies (Matthew 5:44)
- Preaches the gospel (Mark 16:15)
- Walks in compassion
- Rejects hatred, revenge, and worldly agendas

A servant lives by law.

A friend lives by love.

## 10. Conclusion:

Created for Love, Called to Glory

God created us in His image because He desired:

- Fellowship
- Family
- Friendship
- Incarnation
- Glory shared
- Love expressed

Through Jesus:

- God became man
- So man could become His children
- Filled with His fullness
- Walking in His authority
- Living in His love
- Ruling with Christ
- Revealing His glory

This is the gospel.

This is our identity.

This is our destiny.