

SERIES: J-WALKING
PART FOUR, ORGANIC TEMPLE
MARK 13:1-4

INTRODUCTION

Something in us is tempted to believe God loves his law more than his people. We're tempted to prioritize rules over people. Maybe you left church because somebody prioritized the Bible over your divorced mother or gay brother. But Jesus came to offer us a life greater than keeping religious rules.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a bad church experience? If so, to what extent was it caused by the church prioritizing the Bible or the law over you or other people?
2. Why is it so tempting to think of faith as obeying God's rules rather than living in a growing relationship with him?
3. Read Mark 13:1-4. Before the message, how aware were you of Jesus' prediction that the Temple would be destroyed? What was your reaction to that part of the message?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19. If following Jesus isn't about rule-keeping, what does it mean for you to live as though your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? What is required of you?
5. During the message, Jon shared, "There are no more sacred sites, objects, or geography. There are only sacred individuals. You're seated next to, married to, or raising a sacred person." In what ways should that idea influence how you express your faith in the way you treat others?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to take a first step or a new step toward following Jesus? How can this group support you?

KEEPING IN STEP

Something greater than a temple or law has come into the world: the life and light of God; his only Son, Jesus. And Jesus offers you the same invitation he offered to his first-century followers: "Follow me"—not because of faith but because he has demonstrated his faithfulness.