Morning Lesson

MAKE YOUR OWN JESUS Jer. 10:3-5

INTRO:

- 1. One of the bizarre things that man has done through the ages is fashion his own gods. Jer. 10:3-5
- 2. Even though we do not do it in a physical form, it still happens today.
- 3. Three examples you are most likely quite familiar with.

I. SOCIAL JUSTICE JESUS.

- A. This version of Jesus is focused first and foremost on making sure society is a fair place equal wages, poverty abolished, etc.
- B. Equating Jesus' call to help the needy with a command to vote to make others do so with somebody else's money is simply dishonest and completely ignorant of context.
- C. His purpose for coming was certainly not to provide a temporal cure for the ills of society, because if that was His goal, He failed miserably on a mission that He knew was impossible even then. John 18:36; Matt. 26:11

II. PRO-HOMOSEXUAL JESUS.

- A. The idea here is that since Jesus was all about love for one another, He certainly would not stand with the kind of hateful people who think that two people who love each other shouldn't be allowed to be together.
- B. This Jesus isn't based on the Bible, either, because He did address homosexuality. Matt. 19:4-6.

III. ANYTHING GOES JESUS.

- A. This Jesus does not want anybody to feel judged.
- B. If you subscribe to this Jesus, you're perfectly within your rights to bring out **Matthew 7:1** at the slightest hint of judgment, because who is anybody else to tell you how to live?
 - C. This Jesus is not the Jesus of the Bible. John 14:6;

CONC:

- 1. What do we call it when we decide how we want God to act and then fashion Him in accordance with those priorities? Idolatry.
- 2. It's time to stop telling Jesus who He is and start opening the Bible and letting Him speak for Himself.