

# ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

From the series *Why Jesus Hates Religion*

## Why Jesus hates religion

### It's worthless

Luke 11:37-53

- Focus on the external

*"Then the Lord said to him, 'You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and wickedness!'" Luke 11:39*

- Can't clean the inside

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- Ends in sorrow, emptiness

*"What sorrow awaits you . . . What sorrow . . . what sorrow . . ." Luke 11:42-44,46,47,52*

### It contaminates everything with hypocrisy

Luke 12:1-7

- Actors

*"Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven." Matthew 6:1*

- A script

Matthew 6:2-18

*" . . . give . . . blowing trumpets . . ." Matthew 6:2*

*" . . . pray . . . publicly . . ." Matthew 6:5*

*" . . . fast . . . make it obvious . . ." Matthew 6:16*

- An audience

*" . . . good deeds publicly, to be admired by others . . ." Matthew 6:1*

## Why Jesus came

### Change your audience . . . live fearless

- Fear God so you will never fear people

*"Dear friends, don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot do any more to you after that. But I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, he's the one to fear." Luke 12:4-5*

- Live fearless in God's love

*"What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows." Luke 12:6-7*

### Throw away the world's script . . . embrace God's truth

*"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:2*

### Stop acting . . . be honest

*"The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear!" Luke 12:2-3*

## Who is your audience?