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Jesus

When it came to the kingdoms of this world, Jesus sided with himself.

Jesus' death was initiated by political and religious authorities who felt Jesus was a threat to their political and religious structures.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:1,2 NIV

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Colossians 3:8 NIV

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12 NIV

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 NIV

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:14 NIV

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

Colossians 4:5 NIV

How we behave can make what we believe more believable.

Let your <u>conversation</u> be <u>always</u> full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:6 NIV

Don't Insult:

You can't insult and influence at the same time.

Ask Questions:

The better you know them, the better you can love them.

Be Gracious:

Jesus never gives his followers the right to be ungracious towards anyone.

Be Winsome:

The person behind the issue is always more important than the position you have about the issue.

We will do our greatest good when God and people become our greatest love and when God's Kingdom becomes our greatest concern.