



THE MISSING MIDDLE | CRAIG REES

Have we hired Jesus as our savior but fired him
as our king?

Do we want someone to save our souls rather
than rule our world?

What the creeds overlooked and Christians ignore, must return to the fore.

Because Jesus lived purposefully we say with confidence that life is not a transaction or a ticket to a heavenly amusement park.

JESUS'S LIFE:

- **Jesus' life teaches people how to go to heaven.**
- **Jesus' life teaches people how to behave.**
- **Jesus' life is an example of how to live.**
- **Jesus' perfect life enabled His perfect sacrifice.**
- **Jesus' life showed that he was God.**

“Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Matthew 3:2

The Creeds: the incarnation led to the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension.

The Gospels: the incarnation led to the introduction of the kingdom of God.

“‘The time has come,’ he said. ‘The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news.’”

Mark 1:15

“Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,’ declares the Lord. ‘Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.’”

Zechariah 2:10

SO WHAT?

- Because Jesus lived God rules, peace reigns and hope exists!
- Because Jesus lived, God wants you to live too (life to the full).
- If we miss the middle of Jesus' life, we miss the heart of our own!
- Jesus lived for a purpose; our life has a purpose too.