

# ***Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles***

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**May 24, 2025 – Jesus, Our Magnificent Obsession – Erlinda Cruz**

## ***Today's Battlefield: The Truth About Jesus***

There is a great battlefield in the kingdom right now, and that battlefield is the truth about Jesus. The Holy Spirit is contending, He is wrestling with the leadership of the Church—"Make Jesus the magnificent obsession of your life and of the people you are connected to.

Present Him in this way," though you don't have to use those terms. He is raising up a people that will have allegiance and loyalty to Him, but not just loyalty—they will be absolutely fascinated and obsessed by Him.

The enemy is waging war against that; there is a counterfeit Jesus, the Jesus of the American culture, which is not the true Jesus at all. That is the Jesus that is preached most in our nation, right now.

In 2 Corinthians 11:4, Paul said that in his day there were preachers that preached another Jesus. These were men in the church preaching another Jesus that was not the real Jesus.

They said a number of nice things and accurate things about Him, but they were not presenting the real Jesus, the Jesus of the Bible, and in our nation, there is this outcry against the real Jesus within the Church. More and more leaders are abdicating the truth, drawing back, and actually denying the claims of Jesus.

It is an overt attack, but there is even something equally troubling; it is a passive attack. People are just ignoring Jesus in the Church and trying to figure out how to make life happier and easier and sprinkle Jesus in the midst of it, if they have to make it work and make their church grow.

It is almost as troubling as the overt denying; it is the just ignoring that is far more widespread.

The counterfeit Jesus of the American culture has no power to transform the heart, that is why there are so many believers, three or four decades in the faith, that are still in bondage to so many things, because their heart has not ever experienced power, because the Jesus that they know is limited to forgiving them and providing a few things to help their circumstances.

They know nothing of an awestruck life or heart with this glorious man; they know nothing of this Jesus, they have never heard of Him. They have not discovered Him themselves in their own Bible.

The state of the Church in America—so much of it is a therapeutic, self-help, bless-me club.

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It is a group, not a church. There are individuals that are born-again in the group, but it is not Jesus-focused. It is a therapeutic, self-help group that is looking to make life easier and happier and it will just mention Jesus a little bit along the way. The Holy Spirit is saying, "That is not what I am after."

*Prayer:*

*Father, give us the "REAL" JESUS! Help us not be seduced by the lie of comfort and bliss. Help us to die to self and carry our cross daily, so we be qualified to follow Jesus.*