

## 37.4 Bizarro World

When I was growing up, my friends and I read comics. One of my fond memories was riding my bike to one of the drug stores on the beach and buying a new comic with my allowance. Occasionally I would save up and buy a giant comic.

My favorite comic was Superman. He was the great fantasy hero who could fix everything (except JFK's assassination). I researched the internet for this podcast and found that Superman parallels the Jesus story. The authors say they did not plan it, but there are similarities, whether intentional or not.

Hannah Goodwyn wrote an article on CBN.com that shows some of the similarities.<sup>1</sup> Consider these:

- Superman came from the heavens above to the earth below as Jesus came from the Father to earth.
- Superman, like Jesus, was raised by earthly parents. Originally their names were going to be Joseph and Mary in the Superman story.
- When he came to age, Superman communed with his father's spirit in the arctic wilderness, similar to Jesus in the wilderness after His baptism.
- Superman's mission was to fight for truth and justice. His mission was similar to that of Jesus.
- Superman died in the last comic but was resurrected.

One unusual twist to the Superman story was when he visited the cube-shaped planet, Bizarro World. It was also called Htrae (Earth spelled backward).<sup>2</sup> Bizarro World was fascinating because everything was the opposite of our world. Up is down, first is last, good is bad, wrong is right, black is white, the logical is illogical, giving is taking, liberty is tyranny, and vice-versa.<sup>3</sup>

I don't know about you, but it feels like I have been living in Bizarro World for many years now. We are witnessing the evil of unbridled tyranny that many call "good." The elites call Patriots who uphold the Christian values of our Founders "Deplorable." Barrack Obama ridiculed Patriots as those who want to "cling to their guns and their Bibles."

We have seen a two-tiered justice system with one set of laws for the elite and another for us commoners. We see Attorneys General and District Attorneys who have refused to prosecute criminals. Crime is skyrocketing in California as a result.

But I don't think we should be surprised about the backward world in which we live. This is not the first time the turn has happened. Let me read a few passages to you.

**Isaiah 5:20 (NKJV)**

**<sup>20</sup> Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;  
Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;  
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

**Proverbs 17:15 (NKJV)**

**<sup>15</sup> He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just,  
Both of them alike *are* an abomination to the LORD.**

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<sup>1</sup> Hannah Goodwyn, "Superman and Jesus: Superman's Origins and Parallels to Jesus," [www1.CBN.com](http://www1.CBN.com).

<sup>2</sup> "Bizarro World," <https://www.urbandictionary.com>.

<sup>3</sup> "Bizarro World," [www.Urbandictionary.com](http://www.Urbandictionary.com).

**Malachi 2:17 (NKJV)**

**<sup>17</sup> You have wearied the LORD with your words;  
Yet you say,  
“In what way have we wearied *Him*?”  
In that you say,  
“Everyone who does evil  
Is good in the sight of the LORD,  
And He delights in them,”  
Or, “Where *is* the God of justice?”**

Isn't it interesting how accurate God's word is? God knows that we tend to embrace evil and justify it rather than repent. So God will bring judgment to those who reject Him.

God works with and through people. We have a job to work with God in all of this. We are to be just like the early disciples of Jesus who were described in Thessalonica as, “**These who have turned the world upside down have come here too**” in **Acts 17:6**. They became the tools of God's actions as He describes in **Psalm 146:9 (NKJV)**:

**The Lord watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow;  
But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.**

In reality, we are not turning the world upside down. We are turning the world right-side up. God set the world up as good in the beginning. Sin has corrupted God's creation. Even our perspective of right and wrong has been affected. When we faithfully act as disciples of Jesus, we return people and the world to God and His perspective. Those away from God feel like their world has turned upside down when Christians act on their faith.

Action is the key. Too many American Christians may “go to church” but leave their faith on the pew. God has given direction for every aspect of life. As my friend Paul Blair asks, “What part of your life is Jesus not to be Lord over?” We say that He is our Lord and King, but we often leave off His will for certain aspects of our lives.

Our Founders understood this. As you read their documents, you will see that they established the nation on the foundation of the Bible. God set up Israel as a constitutional republic. Our Founders saw that type of governance for the nation and established it in America.

It is time to get out of “Bizarro World.” It is time to reset our world by helping others see the righteousness of God. We **MUST** stop calling evil good and good evil. We must stop being complicit by our silence and the desire to “get along.” Christians are **DIFFERENT** than the world. God expects it and so do the people outside of Christ. They do not expect us to act like them. They expect us to follow the will of God in our lives. If we don't, the world's people will reject our message.

Keep The Light of God's Righteousness Burning!