

And He is the
head of the body,
the church;
He is the
beginning and
the firstborn from
among the dead,
so that in
everything
He might have
the supremacy.
Colossians 1:18 (NIV)

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WHAT

would it look like ..

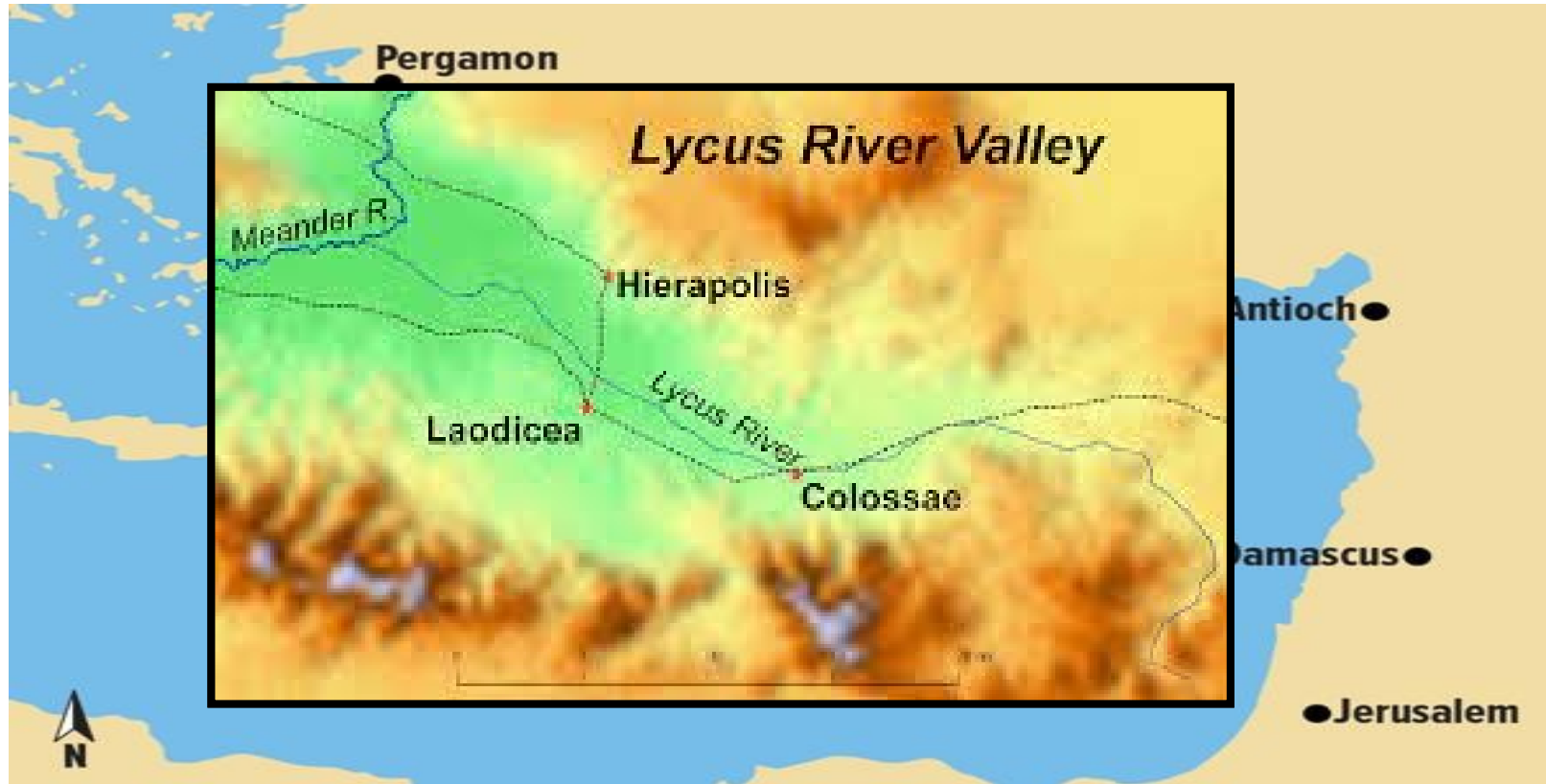
COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

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MAIN THEMES

- The centrality and supremacy of Jesus Christ (1:15-20)
- The finished work on the cross and new life (2:10-15)
- New life and how it would look like (3)

THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

- Jesus, our redeemer (1:13-14)
- Jesus, the image of the invisible God / first born over creation (1:15)
- Jesus, the creator and sustainer (1:16-17)
- Jesus, the Supreme One (head, the beginning and first born from among the dead) (1:18)
- Jesus, our Peace (1:19-20)
- Jesus, source of all wisdom and knowledge (2:2)
- Jesus, the fulness of Deity in bodily form, head over every power and authority (2:10)

THE CROSS AND NEW LIFE

- **Sinful nature (2:11)**
- **Over death and life (2:12-14)**
- **Disarmed powers and authorities (2:15)**
- **Freedom from human 'rules' (2:16-23)**

NEW LIFE AND HOW IT WOULD LOOK LIKE

REVISIT THIS AT THE END

'NOISY' WORLD

This is a very noisy world, so we have to be very clear what we want them to know about us.

Steve Jobs

COMPETING NARRATIVES

- Understand culture and shifts
- How compelling and convincing is the Christian narrative to you ?
- Finding the bridge/entry point to connect

KNOWLEDGE and EXPERIENCE

- Intellectual knowledge about Jesus Christ can never replace the experiential reality that Jesus is Lord.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, **continue to live your lives in Him**, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Col 2:6-7 (NIV)

WHAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD MEANS

- The FALLACY of the Sacred/Secular Divide; Spirit/Matter; Private/Public Domain
- JESUS CHRIST IS LORD = Every domain and life is unified under His Lordship

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“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!”

~ Abraham Kuyper

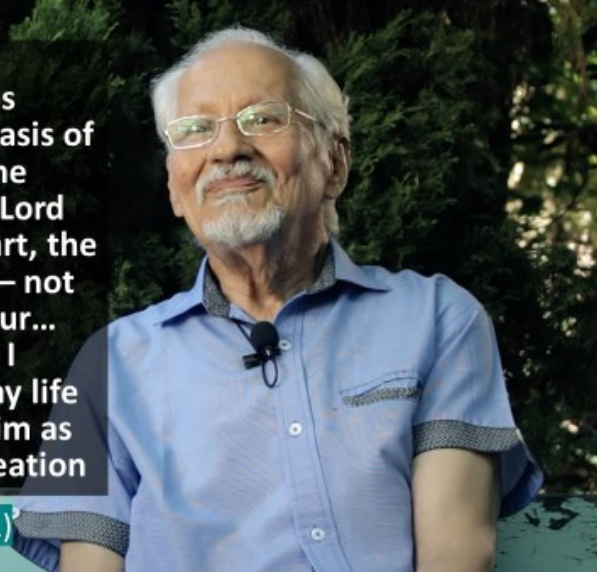
WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE

- Intersection between Lordship of Christ and Personal/Community life (3:5-4:1)
- Salvation and Transformation
- 3 Stories: Lun Bawang, Marriage, Mercy/Compassion

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C Rene Padilla (1932-2021)



A portrait of an elderly man with white hair, a beard, and glasses, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. He is standing outdoors with green foliage in the background. A small black microphone is clipped to his shirt.

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**WHAT
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RESPONSE?**