

# THE JESUS WAY

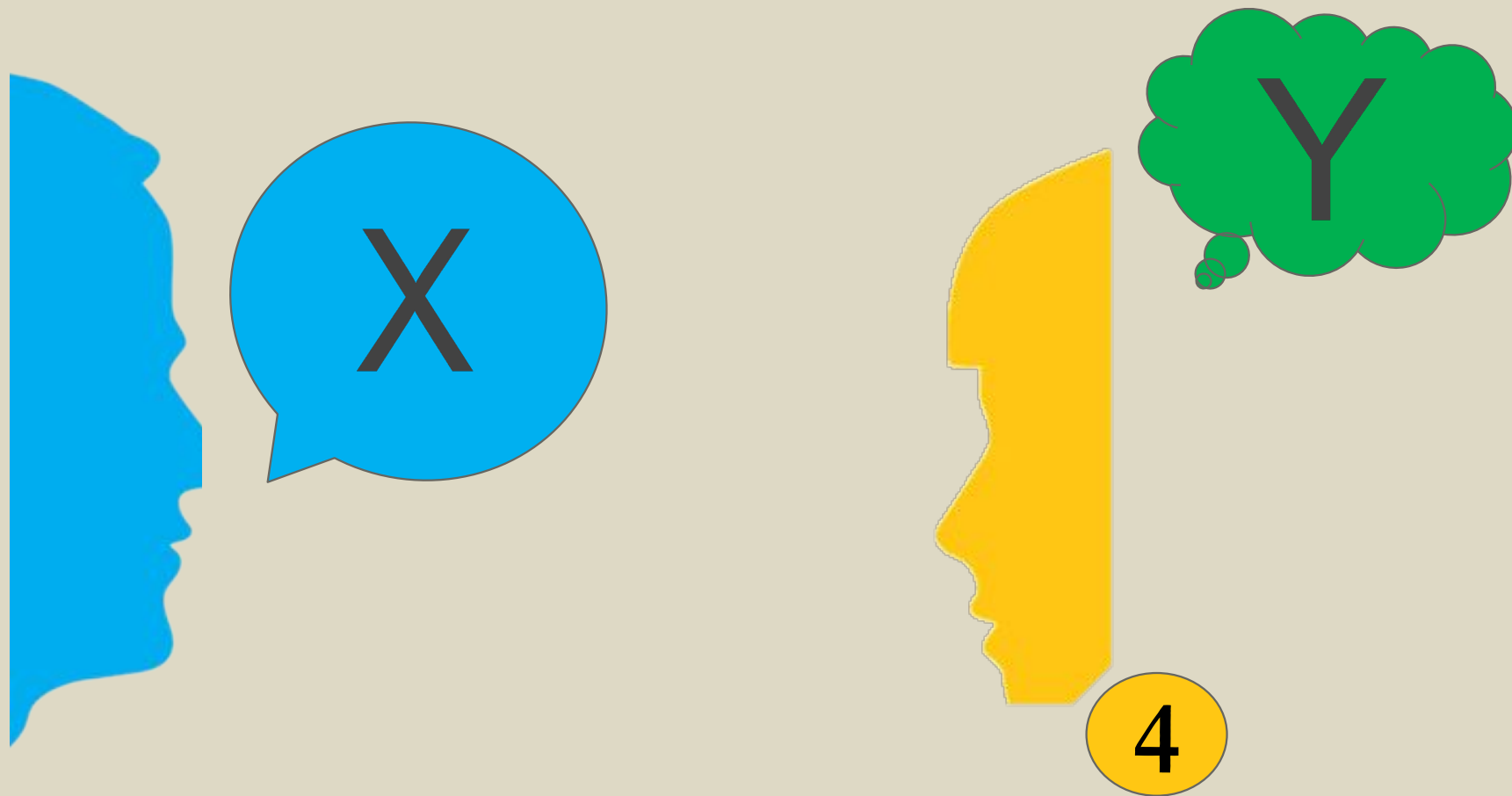
## REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

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Mark 1:1-15

Stephen Spence

Jesus said: repent, and believe in the Good News  
*but what do we hear?*



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# The Kingdom of God has come near!

Isaiah 52:7, How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, **“Your God reigns.”**

Romans 10:9, 1 Corinthians 12:3, **Jesus is Lord.**

Matthew 24:14, And this **good news of the kingdom** will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations

Jesus' Prayer, **“Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”** The kingdom of God is a life lived in community under the reign of God, where Jesus is Lord.



# Blessings and Woes, Luke 6:20-28

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Blessed are you who are **poor**, for yours is the kingdom of God.  
Blessed are you who are **hungry**. Blessed are you who **weep**.  
Blessed are you when people **hate/exclude/revile/defame** you  
Woe to you who are rich. Woe to you who are full.  
Woe to you who laugh. Woe to you when all speak well of you  
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless  
those who curse you, and pray for those who abuse you.

# Repent, and Believe the Good News

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The first imperative, ‘Repent,’ requires a decision to leave one way of life and set out on another. It commands a change of mind or heart that results in a change of direction.

The second imperative, ‘Believe,’ requires a personal, trusting, relational involvement in this **comprehensive reordering of reality.**”

Eugene Peterson  
*The Jesus Way*

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**In the kingdom of God, Jesus is Lord; Caesar is not!**

“Jesus is an alternative to the dominant ways of the world, not a supplement to them.” (Eugene Peterson)

We cannot believe without repenting. We must abandon the natural, self-evident way of living and embrace the Jesus way.



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Too many of my faith-companions for too long have been reducing the way of Jesus simply to the route to heaven, which it certainly is. But *there is so much more.*

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