

The Golden Calf - Exodus 32:1–33:6

A disastrous word...

1. The disaster of the golden calf

Breaking commandments, impatience v1, misuse of gold v2-3, crediting the calf v4

They worshipped their own version of the LORD (Yahweh), v5.

Their "version" of the LORD approved of their sin, v6 x 2

2. Making God in your image, and not the other way around.

Calf - Stiff necked x 3 (32:9, 33:3, 5), broken loose v25, needing to be led v33

Making God in your image, rather than the other way around.

To undo the Creator, is to undo his creation...dehumanised, de-created (Romans 1)

3. God's anger goes on and on and on

His anger seems to go on and on v10, v20, 27, v35, 33:3, 5

Their relationship is on a knife's edge – *"that I may know what to do with you"* (33:5)

But he's not out of control, (like Israel). He still keeps his word (10, 34, 33:1, 2, 3)

4. Different versions of Jesus

"To me Jesus is like this..." "I like to think of God like that..."

Are all the churches in Melbourne united behind the same Christ?

The key is to let God speak for himself, in his Word.

Proper Christianity conforms to Jesus' image, rather than the other way around.

Does your Jesus think, speak, act, and vote just like you?