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Ezekiel 1:10

“As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.” Ezekiel 1:10

Ezekiel’s vision of fantastical beasts and whirring wheels reads as if from a current science fiction screenplay. Can these things that seem so wonderfully mystical have any relevance for us today?

All things in heaven and earth – by design of the Divine – always point mankind to the Redeemer! (See Psalm 19:1). Whatever the final and correct interpretation of Ezekiel’s visions, we can today see one thing that must be applied practically to our lives. These creatures with four distinct faces point us to the four Gospels and the subsequent four clearly defined aspects of Jesus’ character and nature.

The face of a man speaks to us of Jesus’ humanity. Never be so religious that you lose the pulse of humanity and the heartfelt needs of those around you – God didn’t!

The face of the lion tells us of Jesus’ princely role as the King of kings and Lord of Lords. It also reminds us, that we too, with Christ are to reign in life. (Romans 5:17).

The oxen’s face reminds us of Jesus’ willingness to come as a servant even though He is the Ancient of Days and Lord of all! This may be our greatest calling – emulating Jesus’ servant heart.

And finally, the eagle’s face declares the divinity of Christ – Jesus is the Son of God! But it also portends our destiny as heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ! (Galatians 4:7).

“Lord Jesus, may I follow Your example wholly throughout the days of my life!”

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