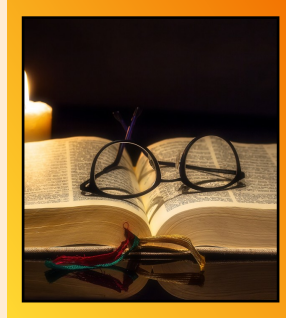




CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS

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“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10

Today’s Conversation: Exploring our Theme— “We would see Jesus”

The Passover was near and Jesus had been preaching, teaching, and performing miracles. His fame had traveled far and wide. He had just raised Lazarus from the dead and speculation was raging — who is this man?

For some the concern was political, “Is he going to cause a rebellion against the status quo?” For others it was religious, “Is He really who He says He is?”

From both camps the decision was a simple one— get rid of Him. If he is not around, the problem goes away.

- How does this compare with today’s social, economic, and political climate?
- Do we choose expediency over right when asked to witness for Christ?

It is 6 days before the Passover— tensions are high— a great crowd gathers to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of “Hosanna!” Also there political and religious leaders who are on the lookout for Him— is He going to show up?

In this tense state of uncertainty and questions, the disciples are equally bewildered by all that is swirling around them because they *“did not understand these things at first”*.

In Conclusion:

- The Christian experience has less to do with knowing doctrine and proof passage. It is more of a living experience where our words and actions reflect the will and teachings of Christ.
- It is important to know the Scriptures so that we can live it out in our lives.
- Living so that others can “see Jesus” is only possible through His power.
- Our future “Conversations” will help us to understand Jesus’ call on our lives and deepen our abilities to reflect Him as we depend on His Word.

Next Week’s Conversation Question:

- How do we know we can trust the Bible?
- Guest Presenter: Pastor John Nixon

“We would see Jesus” (continued)

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- What made the disciples who had spent so much time with Jesus disturbed, bewildered, and uncertain about what they were seeing?
- In the political, social, and economic turmoil of our day are we bewildered and uncertain about what we are seeing and hearing?
- What makes its difficult to speak up for what we believe?
- How do we respond to those who say to us, “we would see Jesus”?
- What does it mean to “see Jesus” in today’s society?
- Can those around us “see Jesus” through us?