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Note from Jim:



Taken from a sermon on Nehemiah 13, in this video clip Mark Driscoll is enraged over the "tolerance" that's crept over God's people and has diminished the Gospel. "When tolerance overtakes truthfulness ... the feelings of people take over the feelings of God ... passion diminishes to passivity ... and people just don't care."

[The Tolerance Rant](#)

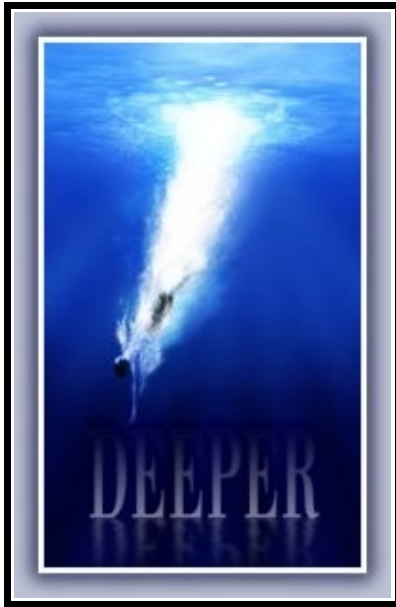
Scripture of the Week:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:24-25)

Quote of the Week:

The Jews tried to keep Christ contained within their law, while the Greeks sought to turn him into a philosophy; the Romans made of him an empire; the Europeans reduced him to a culture, and we Americans have made a business of him.

Recommended Resource:



For the Christian, there are very few things that rival the joy of exploring the depths of God's truth and of discovering the countless, life-changing gems along the way. Whether you are a new believer or you have walked with Christ for many years, Living Waters wants to invite you to be a part of an adventurous exploration. This October, join an exciting 2-day conference as they journey deeper in an understanding of God, through a stimulating examination of various relevant topics.

Your tour guides will include some of today's most influential and sought-after speakers:

- Ray Comfort
- Kirk Cameron
- Paul Washer
- Ken Ham
- Pastor Johnny Hunt
- Dr. Marshall Foster
- Todd Friel
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What are you wading for? It's time to go Deeper!

Visit: DeeperConference.com

Questions & Objections:

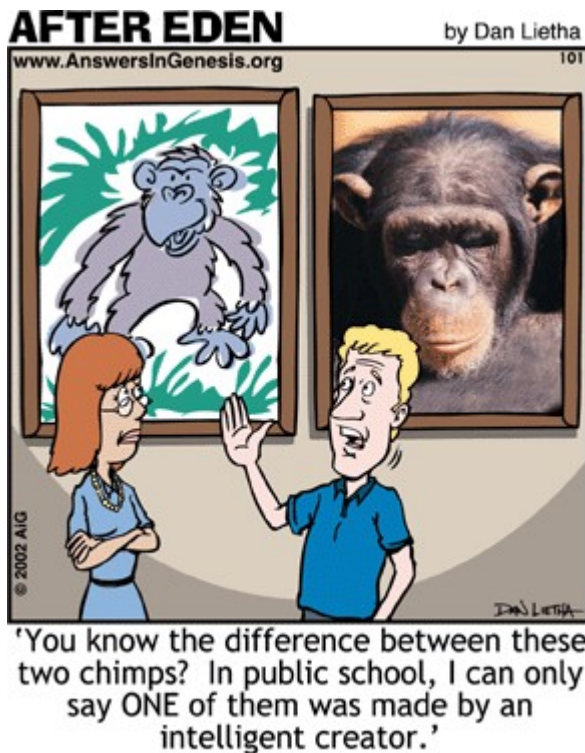
This Q&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

Q. Is it possible that Jesus simply fainted on the cross, and revived while he was in the tomb?

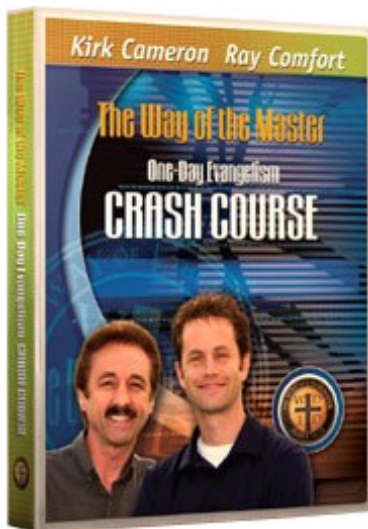
A. Jesus had been whipped and beaten, and was bleeding from His head, back, hands, and feet for at least six hours. While he was on the cross, a soldier pierced His side with a spear and blood and water gushed out. Professional soldiers would certainly have completed their assigned task and ensured his death.

"It is impossible that a being who had stolen half-dead out of the sepulcher, who crept about weak and ill, wanting medical treatment, who required bandaging, strengthening, and indulgence, and who still at last yielded to his sufferings, could have given to the disciples the impression that he was a conqueror over death and the grave, the Prince of Life: an impression which lay at the bottom of their future ministry. Such a resuscitation could only have weakened the impression which he had made upon them in life and in death, at the most could

only have given it an elegiac voice, but could by no possibility have changed their sorrow into enthusiasm, have elevated their reverence into worship." Strauss, *New Life of Jesus* (quoted in *Who Moved the Stone?* by Frank Morison)



One-Day Way of the Master Training:



We would be glad to host a Way of the Master evangelism training for your church or small group. This one-day seminar is a proven, effective way to help people overcome their fear of witnessing and show them how to reach out to the lost. We will quickly equip those who attend to simply and effectively share their faith with family, friends, and strangers. What makes our training unique is when the classroom training is over, you have the option to hit the streets and immediately start to use the new tools you have just learned. The seminar consists of the following activities:

- Three powerful interactive messages that will equip the attendees in how to share the gospel effectively and biblically with anyone, anytime, anywhere.
- Quick Tips on how to have fun sharing your faith while overcoming your fears.
- Quick Tips on how to effectively witness one-2-one using the Way of the Master.
- Hands-on, in-the-trenches training with proven leaders.

The One-Day Way of the Master Training is **FREE** for the host and to all who attend.

** The Way of the Master has been commended by Franklin Graham, Dr. D. James Kennedy, David Wilkerson, Bill Gothard, John MacArthur, Ravi Zacharias, David Jeremiah, Joni Eareckson Tada, Josh McDowell, and many other Christian leaders.

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

The warmer weather is now bringing out more foot traffic around our downtown fishing hole and at the park. Dave, Darrin and I gave out approximately 350-400 gospel tracts on Saturday. I decided to test some more bold and up front tracts this time and passed out the new [Who Is Jesus?](#) one from our friends at One Million Tracts. I was surprised at how readily they were taken or received and went through two full packs. Praise God!

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16)"

I attempted to pick up a one-2-five with some girls in their early to mid-teens. Half of them took tracts while the others declined. One of them in particular seemed very troubled by the mention of Jesus. She stormed off as I engaged a couple of the others that had said they didn't even think Jesus really existed. I asked if they believe Julius Caesar existed. They asked me who that was. (What are our schools teaching these kids?) I then asked how they knew George Washington or Abraham Lincoln were actually real (trying to steer toward recorded eye witness accounts). One of the girls said "Abraham Lincoln was a president. Jesus was never president." They also started to get giggly and silly with each other. It was here that I realized I was grasping at straws. The girl that had stormed off now returned and antagonistically said "You want to know what I think of Jesus? This is what I think of Jesus!" She grabbed a tract from one of the other girls, tore it up and threw it back in her lap. She then mockingly told me "My dad doesn't like me talking with strangers, so you'd better leave." I gave another tract to the girl with the torn up one. I told them it's important that they look into this, and I left.

We had a similar encounter a young man in front of the Havoc shop. Earlier that afternoon Dave or Darrin had tried to give him a tract. Now as we passed him, he was chasing a hacky sack into the street. He saw us and stopped to put his thumbs in his ears, wiggle his fingers, stick out his tongue and blow a raspberry at us. It was really quite childish for a guy at least 16 or 17-years-old. It looked even funnier with him wearing the black, punk garb he had on. What came to mind was asking "Is that the best you can do?" Really, if they're going to mock or taunt us, can't it be at least be an intelligent exchange? The sad truth is, we often encounter more adamant hecklers and opposition from within the modern church.

"If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. (1 Peter 4:14)"

Pray for the seed that's been sown and for our team as we labor in the field. May Jesus receive the honor he is due!

Prayer Points:

- Pray for Living Waters this week.
 - "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV)
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Calendar:

- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)

Saturdays

Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).

If you would like to join us, [email us](#) your contact info.

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