

Evangelism Update 04-09-06

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Note from Jim:

Kirk Cameron will be on the [O'Reilly Factor](#) on Wednesday April 12th. Apparently, someone affiliated with Bill O'Reilly saw Kirk and Ray recently on Nightline and this led to Kirk being asked onto the show. This is **awesome** publicity for The Way of the Master, so be in prayer that many souls will be reached and lead to the gospel.

Note: You can watch The O'Reilly Factor on Fox News at 8pm, 11pm, and 4am Eastern, 5pm, 8pm and 1am Pacific.

Scripture of the Week:

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6, NIV)

Quote of the Week:

"Some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell; I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell." (C.T. Studd)

Evangelism Resource:



Scheduled for release on May 19th, *The Davinci Code* is perhaps the most anticipated film of this year. Here is an audio series designed to help you respond to the blockbuster movie. The movie was adapted from Dan Brown's thriller novel with more than 30 million copies sold throughout the world. Questions answered include: Is the Bible Reliable? Who was Mary Magdalene to Jesus? Is Christianity a collection of other religions? Can it be proven that Jesus was really God?

The Davinci Code: The Truth Behind the Fiction

<http://tinyurl.com/o42c2>

Questions & Objections:

Last week, I demonstrated how fulfilled prophecy sets the Bible apart from any other written work or so-called "holy" books. This week I thought I'd continue that theme. If you missed it, you may find it helpful to refer back to last week's newsletter in the [online archive](#).

I've taken some people that don't believe in the Bible through both the Law and the Prophets, and rarely have I been told that I've got my facts wrong. The only thing a person can really say is perhaps the prophecy examples I used are vague. How can any of what was said last time be vague? Still, if someone wants to push the issue you can offer this: over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament point specifically to the birth, life and death Jesus. Here are just eight highly accurate predictions that were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

The Messiah must:

1. Be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2 – fulfilled in Matthew 2:1 and Luke 2:4-7)
2. Be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9, 55:12-24 – fulfilled in Matthew 26:21-25 & 47-50, John 13:18-21, Acts 1:16-18)
3. Be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12 – fulfilled in Matthew 26:16)
4. Have His price given for a potter's field (Zechariah 11:13 – fulfilled in Matthew 27:7)
5. Be pierced in His hands and feet (Psalm 22:16 – fulfilled in Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24, Luke 23:33, John 19:18)
6. Note: This prophecy was written 800 years before death by crucifixion existed.
7. Be thirsty during His execution (Psalms 22:15 – fulfilled in John 19:28)
8. Be given vinegar to quench that thirst (Psalms 69:21 – fulfilled in Matthew 27:34)
9. Be buried with the rich when dead (Isaiah 53:9 – fulfilled in Matthew 27:57-60)

The odds of Jesus fulfilling even just these eight prophecies is 1 out of 10^{17} (a one followed by 17 zeros). This is equivalent to covering the entire state of Texas with silver dollars two feet deep, marking one of them with an "X", mixing them up and having a blind-folded person wander in and select the marked coin at random on his first try. Yet, Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled every one of the Messianic prophecies down to the minutest detail. There is no other!

Weekly "Fishing" Update:

For a couple of Sundays, we had a couple visiting our church that has recently moved back to this area. Pastor Roberto & Arcy Huteru have been in ministry for a number of years, and they're now coming here to plant hispanic churches in southern oregon. My pastor said he'd mentioned me to them, so after the service last Sunday I introduced myself. I told them a little about our street ministry and let them know I would be glad to help locate spanish resources: tracts, audios, etc. They were very appreciative, and I gave them one of our Fishing Team flyers and my card.

Afterwards, another woman (Nadine) that was with them approached me. She told me she knows a gentleman starting a ministry who's trying to find spanish Bibles. I told her about [Pass the Word](#) and mentioned that they offer free Bibles (including spanish). I also told her about the [Great News Network](#) and that I had a number of contacts around the U.S. (and the world) that I could get in touch with to locate similar resources. That lead to sharing some stories and at one point I pulled out the [Curved Illusion](#) tracts. Her face lit up! She said, "I've seen those before!" and made a reference to Kirk Cameron. I further explained that the [GNN](#) is a sister ministry to the [Way of the Master](#); putting legs on Ray & Kirk's teaching and taking it to the streets. She understood the message ... referring to the trouble with preaching the "cure" without the telling people about the "disease" and how so many people are seeking a "Santa Claus" God. Nadine asked if anyone was teaching a [Way of the Master](#) class around here. I said I'd **love** to teach the [Basic Training Course](#) if she knew some people that were interested and gave her a Fishing Team flyer with my website and phone number on it. Nadine called me later in the week and we talked for probably half-an-hour. She seemed really excited by what I had to share with her. She asked me to mail her any material I've got, so I sent her a [Lazarus and the Rich Man](#) CD set along with a good bit of info on what we're doing around here. Let me tell you, Nadine is a real encouragement to me as well ... this woman is on fire for the Lord! She's wearing the [cloak of zeal](#)!

Thursday, Christ seemed to be opening the door to yet another ministry contact. I was out running some errands and had stopped in at a Mini Pet Mart to pick up some pet food. Heath was working. I'd talked to him a few times and knew he was a Christian. On that day, I was wearing one of my Christian shirts with a pretty bold and direct message on it. Heath said he liked it and added he wished he could wear something like that at work. We got to talking and eventually the conversation swung around to my ministry and street witnessing. He got excited, saying he had just been put in the position of evangelism director at his church. He gave me his card and told me he'd been looking for a way to get their youth doing something and witnessing out on the streets. I gave him a run down on [GNN](#) and the [Basic Training Course](#). I then ran home grabbed some material for him: a Fishing Team flyer, a flyer on our upcoming [mini-EBC](#) and the ANS [press release](#). I also gave him a [Hell's Best Kept Secret](#) CD and learned he was familiar with Kirk & Ray.

Greg had a church event and Randy was in Nashville, so I was running solo on Saturday, It was raining when I got off work at 3:30pm and it was raining when I got back to my car at 5:30pm. However, in between the Lord granted me about an hour and a half where the rain stopped and I was able to do some "fishing". The weather, of course, meant few people were out and about, but I was still able to hand out around 50 tracts ([NZ Smart Cards](#)). I also looped through the park where I was able to strike up a street interview with Ron. Despite coming from what he called a "non-practicing" Catholic background, he wasn't sure what happened after you die. He also really had no idea who Jesus was or what He had done. We talked for almost 20 minutes and it turned out to be a rather good witnessing encounter. Afterwards, I left him with a Gospel of John and an [Are You Good Enough to Go to Heaven?](#) tract. I also gave him a [Narnia Story](#) CD, which proved interesting since his wife (or girlfriend) had just rented the *Chronicles of Narnia* and they were planning to watch it.

On the way back up 6th Street, a woman stopped to ask me about the [NZ Smart Card](#) I'd given her. When she found out the gospel message was on the back, she told me she was a Christian and asked a number of questions about sharing my faith and what we were doing on the streets. While we talked, two of her friends stopped to say "hi" so I gave them [NZ Smart Cards](#) as well. She told them "These are great!" The rain was starting up, so as I left I gave her a Fishing Team flyer and a [Hell's Best Kept Secret](#) CD. As I headed back to the car, I came across about five of the young skaters I'd witnessed to about three months ago. They were taking shelter from the rain along the side of a building. I gave them a "pop quiz" on what I'd told them before ... asking them what were the two hinges on which the door of salvation swung open (repentance and trusting the Savior). They couldn't remember. Since one member in their group hadn't been there last time, I took him through the Good Person Test and gave them all a five minute recap of the gospel.

It turned out to be a good time laboring in the fields. Pray for the seeds that were sown and the doors that were opening this week. Praise God for including us in the foolishness of preaching!

The new audio of the witnessing encounter with Ron has been posted to our website. Click here and go to the [One-2-One Audios](#) page. I didn't record the conversation with the skaters, but I have the audio posted from my first witnessing encounter with them back in January -- look for "Skaters".

Prayer Points:

- *The Davinci Code* movie opens May 19th. Life & Death Ministries plans to be outside the theater that Friday and Saturday night. [Click here](#) for more details. Pray for laborers and support in this effort.
- I'm working with another GNN Local Leader to organize a two day mini-EBC here in Southern Oregon in July. Please pray, if it is God's will, that we'll find blessing and favor in coordinating this event.
- "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." (Matthew 9:37-38, NLT)

Calendar:

- **Davinci Code Outreach**
Medford, OR / May 19-20
[Click here](#) for details.

- **Mini-EBC - Southern Oregon**
Grants Pass, OR / July 21-23
[Click here](#) for the event flyer.
- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)
Street witnessing each Saturday (3 pm to 5:30 pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).
- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)
Open Air preaching Wednesdays at 8:40 am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.

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

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May Jesus receive the glory He is due!

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