



Evangelism Update 11-26-06

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Note from Jim:

Check out this video. I pray it blesses you as it has me.

<http://lifeanddeathmin.blogspot.com/2006/11/sometimes-you-just-have-to-praise-him.html>

Sometimes you just have to praise Him!

Scripture of the Week:

The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks." (John 7:46, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, his precepts! O! 'tis easier to keep holidays than commandments." (Benjamin Franklin)

Evangelism Resource:

Here's the newest addition to the CustomTractSource line... their first Christmas card! Not only is this an attractive card, but it features a solid gospel message based on the lyrics from the song "It's About the Cross" by Go Fish (found on their new Christmas album "Snow"). To hear the song, read the wording or order the cards, click the link below.



<http://www.customtractsource.com/christmascard.html>

Questions & Objections:

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

O. I believe Jesus was [just] a master healer and wonderful teacher.

A. An interesting point to consider is that Jesus Himself doesn't allow that option.

Christianity all comes down to Jesus. It stands or falls on Him alone. What matters is what Jesus claimed about Himself. He claimed to be God's Son. He claimed to be one with the Father. He used God's own name, "I AM." Jesus was a man, but He also claimed to be God.

Since Jesus claimed to be God, what it comes down to is either He is or He isn't. There's no other option.

Do good teachers tell the truth or do they tell lies? They tell the truth. It's fair to figure no great moral teacher would claim to be God when he wasn't, right? He wouldn't lie and mislead people like that.

If Jesus wasn't God, maybe He was a liar, or maybe He was sincere, but deceived... or crazy. Those are the only options I can see. Jesus was either a liar, a lunatic, or He's exactly who He claimed to be. You either reject Him or you receive Him as Lord, but Jesus simply does not permit you the comfort zone of writing Him off as another good teacher.

"He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18, NASB)

"You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (John 8:23-24, NASB)

Here's how C.S. Lewis puts it in his book Mere Christianity ...

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg - or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us."

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

My alarm went off at 3:45 am on Friday. Fred Meyer's opened at 5 am and I wanted to be down there by 4:30. However, I wasn't interested in the day after Thanksgiving sales, I was going to sow seed amongst the lines that would be there! I had a short open air message I'd prepared, but since I was alone and the lines had formed at two different doors I opted to just give out tracts so at least every one had the gospel in hand. I passed out close to 150 [Christmas Cash](#) tracts, and all but two people took them. Meanwhile, Greg and Kevin were busy at Walmart in Medford. He tells me they gave out 600 tracts within 45 minutes. I thank God for you guys!

Greg, David and I met up for street fishing on Saturday. We started at Riverside Park and then did a sweep up and back down 6th Street. We gave out a number of gospel tracts and picked up a few one-2-ones, but there's one particular Glory Story I just can't help but share...

First, I need to rewind and recap an encounter from when our team was witnessing at the Josephine County Fair back in August.

Mark and I came across a woman (Jonnie) that was at the fair with some of her family (her mom, sister and the sister's boyfriend). Jonnie noticed my "Name Ten Get \$20" and wanted to take the challenge. She promptly won the \$20. Afterwards, we learned she and her daughter regularly pick things to study out of the Bible, and they'd just gone over the Ten Commandments. Praise God for a mother like that! I then told them how the Law is a mirror and showed how it revealed our sin. Christine (her sister) said that as long we ask for forgiveness and really mean it in our hearts we'll be OK. When I told her that's not exactly true, tears came to her eyes. I then got to share the amazing grace of the cross with them.

Now, fast forward to this past Saturday...

When we arrived at the park, I saw a good crowd at the playground. However, after we'd stopped to pray, I noticed most of the people began to drift off to the other side of the park. We headed over to see what they were up to. I stopped to get some things out of my bag in case I could start an open air when a woman and her young daughter passed me. I broke the ice with some small talk about them feeding the ducks and pigeons and then handed her a [Zero Dollar Bill](#) tract while Greg showed the girl the [Curved Illusion](#) cards. I told the woman they were gospel tracts and she said she thought she'd recognized me ... **it was Jonnie!** I gave her a [What Hollywood Believes](#) CD and we talked some more. She told me that encounter at the fair was a complete answer to prayer. At that time she and her daughter (Jasmine) had some medical concerns, nothing serious but enough to cause some problems. That morning, she had prayed for God to help somehow, since she couldn't even come up with the \$16 for the co-pay on their prescriptions. Her mom had taken them to the fair to get her mind off of things, and out of the thousands of people there that day God brought us together and she won the \$20 during our encounter.

She asked what church I go to. I explained that the Great News Network was an interdenominational group and that the three of us were each from different churches. She said circumstances had the two of them between churches at the moment. She was very interested in the church I attend and said they may see me there in the morning.

(By the way, the crowd we'd followed to that side of the park had dispersed ... it was just God's way of leading us over to Jonnie.)

Sure enough, when we got to church. Jonnie and Jasmine were there. I introduced her to the pastor and several others. Afterwards, I got a chance to talk with her and learned even more of the story. A broken marriage coupled with some very unfortunate events had left them without a church home. The two of them moved in with her mom and teenage sisters. It's not a Christian home or an environment she wants Jasmine in, but she's without options. Yesterday morning, she says Jasmine actually came to her and said she missed going to church. Jonnie prayed with her, asking God to help them find a church where they'd be welcome. They were then out that day looking for somewhere else to live when Jasmine realized they had some old bread in the car and asked if they could stop at the park to feed the ducks. You know the story from there ... answer to prayer number two!

Jonnie says she hasn't felt this welcome at church in a while. Jasmine is also in the same age group as my two daughters. My wife and I plan to have the two of them over for lunch after church next week.

We don't always get to know the stories behind the encounters God leads us to, but praise Him for the times He clues us in. Regardless, our role is to simply make ourselves available for the times He lets us step into people's lives.

One-Day Way of the Master Training:



The GNN Southern Oregon Team 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 empower people to reach out to the lost while helping them to come to a **full** understanding of **all** good things they have in Christ Jesus (Philemon 1:6). We will quickly equip those who attend to effectively share their faith. 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.

Prayer Points:

- This coming Saturday is the Grants Pass Christmas Parade. We'll be sowing seed amongst the crowd that gathers downtown. Please lift our labors in prayer.
 - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, NASB)
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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).
- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)
Wednesdays
Open Air preaching at 8:45am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.

- **Grants Pass Christmas Parade**

Grants Pass / December 2nd

Seed sowing amongst the holiday celebration downtown. The parade theme this year is "Christmas Lights the Way".

- **Way of the Master Evangelism Training (New)**

Grants Pass / January 6th

Watch here for more details.

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

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