



Evangelism Update 12-03-06

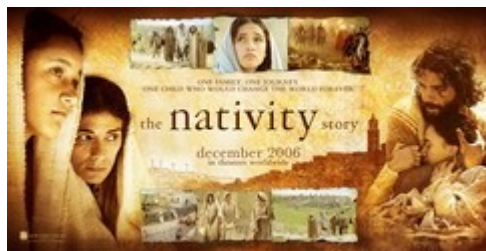
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Note from Jim:

Last week's "Questions & Objection" said that it was from *The Evidence Bible*. That was incorrect. I was actually sharing a personal response to an objection someone raised on an internet message board. I'm sorry if it caused any confusion.

The Nativity Story:



The Nativity Story opens this month. Click the link below to visit the official website.

<http://www.thenativitystory.com/>

Albert Mohler attended a pre-screening and said the movie was "in season and on message". In other words, the movie faithfully presents the main thrust of the biblical Christmas story. You can read his review and comments at his blog by [clicking here](#).

Scripture of the Week:

"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"God's grace cannot be faithfully preached to unbelievers until the Law is preached and man's corrupt nature is exposed. It is impossible for a person to fully realize his need for God's grace until he sees how terribly he has failed the standards of God's Law." (John MacArthur)

Evangelism Resource:



Mark Cahill was a guest on [Way of the Master Radio](#) over the Thanksgiving weekend. Click the link below to listen to this special broadcast online. This is must hear radio!

<http://tinyurl.com/y5tqkn>

Questions & Objections:

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

O. The Bible calls the hare a cud-chewing animal. As any veterinarian could tell you, this statement is false.

A. This statement is made in Leviticus 11:6, where the Hebrew literally means "raises up what has been swallowed." The rabbit does re-eat partially digested fecal pellets that come from a special pouch called the caecum. Bacteria in these pellets enrich the diet and provide nutrients to aid digestion. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica: "Some lagomorphs [rabbits and hares] are capable of re-ingesting moist and nutritionally rich fecal pellets, a practice considered comparable to cud-chewing in ruminants ...The upper tooth rows are more widely separated than the lower rows, and chewing is done with a transverse movement."

Weekly "Fishing" Report:



We had a team of six that met for street fishing at the Christmas Parade in downtown Grants Pass. As we made our way down G Street to 6th, I caught sight of the nativity scene that's displayed on the roof of the community building at that corner. I find it encouraging that our small city is still willing to have the nativity in the heart of downtown.

I had a one-2-four with a group that had gathered around a bench next to the post office. I took them through the [Christmas Quiz](#) as an ice breaker. They had fun with it and I used the last question to swing into a witnessing encounter.

If Santa used God's Ten Commandments as the standard of naughty and nice, how would you measure up?

I've uploaded the MP3 of the one-2-four to our website. You can find and listen to it on our [audios page](#).

It started with Wayne and two of his friends. We've spoken with Wayne before, so this was a good opportunity to recap for him while sharing the gospel with the other two. A fourth fellow with a baby stroller joined us a little ways into it. His name is Peter. He sat down and really listened while I shared. He had apparently been reading his Bible and he asked some really good questions. Afterwards, Peter asked if we could give him and his baby girl a ride home. Carla had a booster seat in her SUV that the baby could use so she, Creighton and I gave Peter a ride home while the others stayed in the area. It gave us a good chance to talk and further share with him. I gave him my card when we dropped him off and we headed back to rejoin the others.



We had three relative newcomers out with us that night. Carla and two of her sons (Tait and Creighton) had attended our Way of the Master training on November 18th, and this was their second time out on the streets. Each of them had their first one-2-one on Saturday. Tait ended up talking with two men almost on the heels of our prayer before the parade. Carla was a real blessing. It seemed every time I turned around she was in a one-2-one. I found out she had made it a goal to get out of her comfort zone that night, and she definitely did. By our count she had eight different witnessing encounters. I thank God for you, sis!

Here's something else that blessed me. Creighton at twelve years old was the youngest of us out there. Tait told me to guess what was on his brother's Christmas list. It turns out Creighton wants *tracts!* It's true. He wants tracts so he can give them to people. Now, how many other twelve-year-olds do you know that want their Christmas gift to be something that'll equip them to share the gospel with others? How cool!



The parade was scheduled to start at 6pm, so at 5:30 we regrouped to pray and then split into two teams to sweep both sides of the parade route with [Christmas Cash](#) tracts. It was great. We just moved down the line and people readily took them from us. Carla says something that really stuck with her is one point when she happened to stop and look back to see 50 or more people along the sidewalk all reading the message on the back of the tracts. David and Creighton just couldn't keep still once we began the tract attack. They moved in and out of the crowd, even passing tracts to people in the parade and on the floats. That kind of zeal for the lost is both encourage and contagious. Praise God!

By the end of the night, we'd given out around 2,200 gospel tracts: [Christmas Cash](#) and also the [Christmas Quiz](#) available at Living Waters.



Carla told me they stopped by KFC for some food on the way home. As she went through the drive-thru, Creighton and Tait headed inside to pass out tracts. They gave tracts to everyone in the restaurant, including the employees. Then as they left, they found they didn't have forks or napkins for their food. So they stopped at another fast-food restaurant and made a tract sweep there too. A woman followed them out and asked if they were with any particular church. They said no, they just wanted to share the gospel with people. She thought that was really cool and gave them a "hi-five".

Pray for the seed that was sown. May the Lamb of God receive the reward of His suffering!

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:

- Greg's wife Patti has walking pneumonia and his mother is in the hospital. Please, lift them 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.
- **Way of the Master Evangelism Training** (New)
Grants Pass / January 6th
Watch here for more details.

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