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## Evangelism Update 12-16-07

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### Note from Jim:

Ben Stein is making a movie that challenges the theory of evolution and the aggressive suppression of Intelligent Design. Watch the trailer on the [website](#). The movie is scheduled to be released February 2008



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### Scripture of the Week:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

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### Quote of the Week:

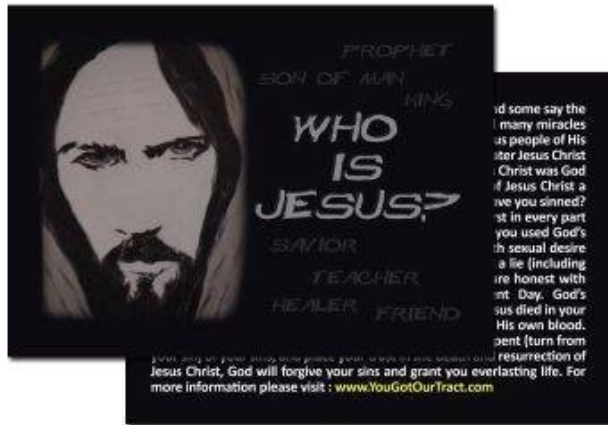
"I have so much to do today that I must spend the first four hours in prayer to accomplish it all." (Martin Luther)

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### Recommended Resource:

Here's a great new tract from our friends at [OneMillionTracts.com](http://OneMillionTracts.com).

This tract is a larger "trading card size" 2-1/2" x 3-1/2"



*Tract text:*

Some say Jesus was a prophet, some say a great teacher and some say the Son of God. Jesus Christ lived a sinless life and performed many miracles and at age 33 Jesus Christ was falsely accused by the religious people of His day and was put to death by crucifixion. But, three days later Jesus Christ proved to the world that He was who He said He was. Jesus Christ was God in human flesh. God came down to earth in the person of Jesus Christ a sinless man to die for the sins of the world. Ask yourself have you sinned? Let's look at God's Law the Ten Commandments. Is God first in every part of your life? Have you always obeyed your parents? Have you used God's holy name in vain? Have you ever looked at someone with sexual desire (lust - which is adultery in the heart)? Have you ever told a lie (including "fibs")? Ever stolen anything (value is irrelevant)? If you are honest with yourself, you know you would be guilty on Judgment Day. God's punishment is hell for all who break His Law. That's why Jesus died in your place. You broke God's Law but, Jesus paid your fine with His own blood. That's how much God loves you! If you will confess your sins and repent (turn from your sin), and place your trust in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God will forgive your sins and grant you everlasting life. For more information please visit: [www.YouGotOurTract.com](http://www.YouGotOurTract.com)



## Questions & Objections:

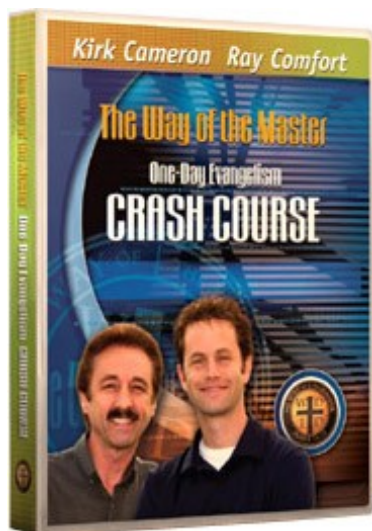
This O&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

**O.** Jesus wasn't sinless -- He became angry when He cleared the temple.

**A.** The temple of God was filled with the day's equivalent of money-grabbing televangelists. Jesus called it a "den of thieves" (v. 17), because the moneychangers were not interested in God but in taking financial advantage of those who came to worship. Anger at hypocrisy isn't a sin -- it's a virtue.

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## 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.

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## Weekly "Fishing" Report:

It's time for one of those "it's so cool when we get to work with God" stories.

When we met for street fishing on Saturday, I first suggested to Dave and Darrin that maybe we should just skip

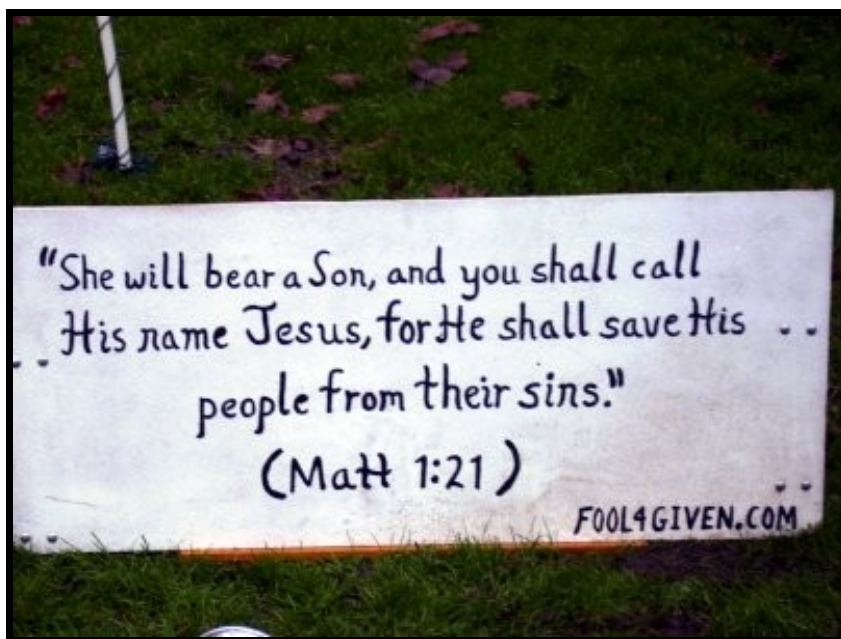
over to the Fred Meyer and Walmart parking lots for some tract sweeps. However, we chose to go ahead and make one pass downtown before heading over there. When we got to the bottom of 6th Street, we opted for a loop through Riverside Park even though it looked deserted. Here's where it got good.

A handful of people were in the park setting up all sorts of Christmas decorations: lots of lights and different displays. Aside from one small nativity scene at the entrance and a couple of scattered yard signs, as you may expect any reference to Jesus was lost amongst the Santas, snowmen and reindeer that were all over the place.

We passed a couple of guys working on one of the displays and I joked with them as I gave them each a [Ban Happy Holidays](#) tract. As we moved on, one of the men said "You don't have a big belly!" I stopped and tried to figure out what he meant. He said it again, "You don't have a big belly!" He then made a comment about us being Santa's helpers. I told him "No, we're out helping the other one ... the one born in a manger." He cocked his head and asked what we were doing tomorrow. I told him we'd be at church and we had a Christmas lunch after that. Why?

He came over to us and said "I've got a perfect spot for you." I had no clue what he meant, but he showed us an open spot between a couple of the displays across from the playground. He told us they had another nativity scene there last year, but someone had stolen the figures of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. All they had left were the wise men. He showed us the three plastic, light-up figures and said if we could come up with the rest we could have the spot. He was hoping to have a nativity scene at both of the entrances, so they'd be one of the first things people see. I told him we'd be interested. In fact, we'd be at Walmart later and I knew they had a similar nativity set with Mary, Joseph and Jesus there. We exchanged cards, and I learned his name was Charles. He then pulled out some cash and said he didn't know how much it would cost but he gave me a \$20. He said if I brought him a receipt the Lion's Club would pay for it. Wow!

We told him we'd be back tomorrow and looped around a bit more of the park. I then had a thought and went back to give Charles some of the [Christmas Quizzes](#) I had in my tract bag. I also asked if we'd be able to put up a sign with the display. (While including the nativity would be nice, I wanted it to have a message or include the gospel somehow.) He said sure. We could have a sign 6'x3' or smaller. I told him we'd put a Bible verse or something on it. He actually encouraged us to also promote our ministry or include somewhere for people to go (like a website). I was amazed! God can make things so easy when He's at work and we're just available.



After making our way back up 6th Street, we headed over to Walmart. Sure enough we found the nativity set there with Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Dave then noticed a picture on the box that showed additional figures you

could add to it. The three wise men shown were the same three they already had at the park. It was a perfect match!

With our spirits high, we hit the parking lot to give out more tracts and candy canes. By the end of the night around 300 gospel tracts had gone out ... but that was just a bonus compared to what God had opened for us at the park.



Sunday afternoon, we were down at the park setting up the nativity scene. Charles also provided us with a lighted angel, poles to make a couple of arches over the setting and lights to string around them. The display at the other end didn't even have that. Dave came up with a 4'x2' board for a sign and Kelly painted it to say:

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

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From what I've seen so far, lots of cars and people are going through the park each night to see the lights and decorations. They'll be on display through Christmas. Pray that Christ may be glorified by what we are able to do and that God uses it to reach souls.

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#### Prayer Points:

- Pray that you will be as "wise as a serpent, gentle as a dove" as you witness at private places like malls this week.
- "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).

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

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