



Evangelism Update 12-31-06

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Note from Jim:

If you use the Firefox web browser and Yahoo Mail for your email, I've found that the last few sections of our email newsletter may be getting cropped off. You can fix this by switching to the new Yahoo Mail Beta. There should be a link to do this for free when you're logged in to your email at Yahoo.

Reminder!

Our next Way of the Master Evangelism Training is coming up Saturday, January 6th.

[Click here](#) for details. If you know others who would be interested in this training, please pass along this information.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 3rd.

Scripture of the Week:

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"They are already under a sentence of condemnation to hell. They do not only justly deserve to be cast down thither, but the sentence of the law of God, that eternal and immutable rule of righteousness that God has fixed between Him and mankind, is gone out against them, and stands against them; so that they are bound over already to hell. John 3:18. 'He that believeth not is condemned already.' So that every unconverted man properly belongs to hell; that is his place; from thence he is, John 8:23. 'Ye are from beneath.' And thither he is bound; it is the place that justice, and God's word, and the sentence of His unchangeable law assign to him." (Jonathan Edwards)

Evangelism Resource:



Several thousand people were surveyed and asked to state their greatest fears. Death only made number two on the list. What was at the top? Public speaking! That means people would rather die than speak publicly.

Do you feel fear when you sing praise songs, read the Bible, when you fellowship with other Christians or perform acts of kindness? Why do you feel fear sometimes, if not all the time in the act of sharing the gospel with someone? What are the five most common fears that people say they feel when faced with sharing their faith? Do you know where fear comes from? Find all this out and more in a powerful message GNN calls *Face Your Fears*.

[Click here](#) for more details.

Questions & Objections:

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

Q. There are contradictions in the resurrection accounts. Did Christ appear first to the women or to His disciples?

A. Both Matthew and Mark list women as the first to see the resurrected Christ. Mark says, "He appeared first to Mary Magdalene" (16:9). But Paul lists Peter (Cephas) as the first one to see Christ after His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:5). Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene, then to the other women, and then to Peter. Paul was not giving a complete list, but only the important one for his purpose. Since only men's testimony was considered legal or official in the first century, it is understandable that the apostle would not list the women as witnesses in his defense of the resurrection here. The order of the appearances of Christ is as follows:

Christ's Resurrection Appearances:

1. Mary (John 20:10-18)
2. Mary and women (Matthew 28:1-10)
3. Peter (1 Corinthians 15:5)
4. Two disciples (Luke 24:13-35)
5. Ten apostles (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23)
6. Eleven apostles (John 20:24-31)
7. Seven apostles (John 21)
8. All apostles (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18)
9. 500 brethren (1 Corinthians 15:6)
10. James (1 Corinthians 15:7)
11. All apostles (Acts 1:4-8)
12. Paul (Acts 9:1-9; 1 Corinthians 15:8)

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

I had a meeting on Saturday and wasn't able to lead the team out street fishing. In place of our usual Weekly "Fishing" Report, I want to share something from another Local Leader and brother in the GNN, Joe McCowan.

There Are Better People Than Us In Hell

Just before Christmas, Brian and I headed back to Concord Mills to tract up the mall and talk to the last minute shoppers. After several good group conversations at the food court we headed to a new spot. A young lady selling Dead Sea beauty products asked if she could do a demonstration for me. I told her that I would listen to her, if she in turn would listen to me. She did a great job showing me her product and I then asked her if she could be trusted. She answered that she was very honest and was a great person. Of course, I took her through the Good Person Test which she failed like the rest of us. Her name is Ariella and she comes from a unique background. She was born in the U.S. and raised in Israel. She holds loosely to the Jewish faith and is well versed in the Torah. Ariella and her boyfriend founded an orphanage in Cambodia where he now lives. She has a deep love for children and lives a very moral life. Her approach to spiritual things is somewhat universalist. I took her through the law and explained that God has always required His people to approach Him on His terms. He has always demanded exclusive worship. Ariella thanked me for explaining the gospel to her and vowed to study the New Testament to investigate my claims. She was very nice and my heart was breaking for her. After a long one-2-one I looked her in the eyes and told her, "Ariella, you are a better person than the people I go to church with, but you are on your way to Hell because you have no sacrifice to atone for your sins. You are not good enough to get to heaven and, unless you accept Jesus as your Messiah, you have rejected God's sacrifice for you. Please consider my plea, I don't want you to go to Hell and God doesn't either." She smiled and was at a loss for words. I found Brian and we headed off to sow more seeds. As I reflected upon all of those people whom the world has deems saints that are headed for Hell, I was reminded again of the urgency of our message. Ariella is the perfect example of why we have to preach the law before grace. If lifestyle evangelism worked, she would have more Jewish converts than I could ever have Christian converts. The Mormons would likely have more than both of us, with their well dressed youth and family values campaign. However, our righteousness is as but filthy rags in the sight of God, and only Jesus can deliver us from His wrath. God help us to preach the gospel as we should, to everyone who will listen, from the least to the greatest.

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:

- Pray for Kirk Cameron 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).
- **DMV OIA** (Recurring)
Wednesdays
Open Air preaching at 8:45am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.
- **[Way of the Master Evangelism Training](#)**
Grants Pass / January 6th
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If you would like to join us, [click here](#) to send us your contact info.

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