

**General Topics :: And Where is Jesus???****And Where is Jesus???, on: 2013/2/23 9:59**

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All too often I think today's evangelicals typify the Jews James spoke of in Acts. They believe but are zealous for the law. Many evangelicals believe. But they are zealous for their particular translation of the Bible and their favorite doctrines. All the while ignoring Him of whom the Scriptures testify.

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My thoughts.

Bearmaster

Re: And Where is Jesus??? - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2013/2/23 10:08

Very good word brother. May we see Christ and hunger after Him in all that we say and do. May our Bible reading lead us to the water flowing from the rock!

Re: And Where is Jesus??? - posted by elderlemon, on: 2013/2/23 16:36

Thanks for this post Bearmaster.

When meeting new believers and not really knowing them. Would people on here say the following is a good guide deciding whether they are true or not is:

Whether Jesus is mentioned and more importantly is He glorified?

Last week I met some Christians I didn't know. Their prayers seemed powerful, but Christ was not mentioned much really.

Just some thoughts.

Re: And Where is Jesus??? - posted by proudpapa, on: 2013/2/24 2:12

Hi bearmaster

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This is true, As Jesus said Beware of the scribes.

Many many false religions use the Bible and yet not one, not a single false religion believes the Bible, because had they believed the Bible they would have believed on Christ; for the Bible wrote of Jesus Christ.

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This is a good point, unfortunately many people let their guard down when they hear key words or key doctrines used, such as we believe in the inspiration of the Bible or we believe in Jesus. Men can make the Bible say anything and they can create all kinds and types of Jesus.

We need to Believe in the Scriptures so that we Can believe the Jesus of The Scriptures.

If our belief in the scripture does not reveal the accurate Jesus than according to Jesus we are not truly believing the scripture, If our Jesus is not revealed in the scripture than we are not believing the right Jesus.

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This is in Reference to John ch 5 v 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me.

We must read it in its context, Jesus points out to them that they did not really believe the scripture had they, they would have recognized Christ, Their is absolutely nothing in these verses that undermine the scriptures nay just the opposite.

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Is FBC Dallas "zealous for their particular translation of the Bible" ??

I think more of a problem with Christianity today is as you say "their favorite doctrines" traditions that make the word of God of none effect, It seems that many do not care what kind of liberties that translators use with their bibles as long as th

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We must relieve that the Written Revelation is so detailed and intricately deep so as to allow God to inspire more and more personal revelation on to us with the deeper that we go.

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The Written Logos works hand in hand with the inward Logos of a believer.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/2/24 8:58

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