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A Wake Up Call to Our Young!

- ★ Do you know Jesus? Do you?
- ★ Do you really know him?
- ★ Do you even *like* him?
- ★ They say that if you *really* like someone, you'll want to hear them and listen to what they have to say.
- **★** Do YOU want to hear HIM?

★ Some do.

★ Some did.

To Simon and Andrew casting a net into the sea he said,

- "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)
- "And they straightway left their nets, and followed him." (Matthew 4:20)

To crooked businessman Matthew, "sitting at the receipt of customs", he said simply,

- "Follow me." (Matthew 9:9)
- "And he arose, and followed him."
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To the multitudes on the mount he began with an exaltation of the lowly when he said,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit." (Matthew 5:3)

And then, at the end of this great Sermon on the Mount, he concludes with damnation of...

"every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not." (Matthew 4:20)

As it is written, and as he said,

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Yes, they did, and you do, "not the things which he says!"

To the men he healed of blindness he said, "Tell no man." (Mark 8:30)

 But they didn't listen and so the crowds began to come for the wrong reason, until finally he was pressed out of the city, and forced into preaching in the wilderness.

To the disciples he constantly warned that he "Must suffer." (Mark 8:31)

 But they didn't listen, and on the night of his betrayal they did not pray through... and they all forsook him and fled! To the pharisees (the big name/world accepted preachers of his day) he says,

- "Ye say, 'We see'; therefore your sin remaineth." (Matthew 4:20)
- And to this day, in Hell, and in fiery torments forever, their... sin... remains!

Oh, hear the Lord Jesus even after he was resurrected,

"Then he said unto them [and so he also says to you], 'O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:" (Luke 24:25)

Oh, by "the prophets" does he not mean the Old Testament, that which so many of you have so minimized. Even though in the wilderness when defeating Satan himself, and then all throughout his remaining ministry - did not our Lord stand firmly on, and preach from, these same Scriptures?

I say, o modern day would-be-man-orwoman of God,

How does your faith profess to align with his: if you do not seek exclusively to do what he says, and to stand upon the Word that our Lord Jesus stood upon?

And so Abraham in Paradise, with Lazarus in his bosom, told the burning rich man right when "he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (Luke 24:25)

Yes, there is something wrong with mankind. There is something wrong with you. You are broken inside. You are, as it is written, "dead in trespasses and sin." A zombie. God told Adam, "In the day [he ate] thereof" he would die, and he did. Therefore are you dead. Yours was a stillbirth. A body a mind alive: a spirit...

Dead.

Can you hear us?

- If you sang or listened to a hymn with us a moment ago, could it move you?
- Has a verse of Scripture read to you today gotten inside, and stayed in your mind?
- Is there any interest arisen or rising in you to desperately - want - to "Hear Him?"

"The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

Listen! Focus! Reject the spirit of antichrist and hear the Word of God!

In just a few words, in just one little story, in just one encounter with God, all can be changed for you, for good, forever!

So now... Behold the unfolding of your disobedient deceptive delusioned heart.

O soul (for we speak not to you but to you who are deep within),

- Come hear yourself,
- Come see yourself
- in these few little sentences, recorded in Heaven and sent down here to you. Listen.

I. You have made up your own religion.

"And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said." (Luke 9:33)

II. You are repulsed by God's true religion.

"While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud." (Luke 9:34)

III. Responding to his Word is God's true religion.

"And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him." (Luke 9:33)

IV. Jesus is the Word of God.

- → "This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone." (Luke 9:35-36)
- → "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

"Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:6-8)