

Some Things Jesus Did Not Say

Often people talk of what Jesus said, but there are many things people think Jesus said that He did not say:

1. Jesus did not say, "Ye shall be sincere in your beliefs and your sincerity shall make you free." But he did say, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32) It is possible for good people to be sincere in their religious convictions and be sincerely wrong.
2. Jesus did not say, "Upon this rock I will build my churches and men shall worship at the one of their choice." However, He did say "...On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). If people can worship in the church of their choice, then they can worship the Christ of their choice. Jesus built only one church, and He is its Head (Eph. 1:21-22).
3. Jesus did not say, "He that believeth is saved and can be baptized later if he wants to." Instead, He did say, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). The order Jesus gave is belief, baptism and then salvation – not belief, salvation and then baptism. Think about it!
4. Jesus did not say, "A man can worship God according to his natural leanings, according to the way he is best able to express himself." Yet Jesus did say, "God is a spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). Since the "truth" is God's Word (John 17:17), our way of worshiping God must be shown in the New Testament, God's will for man in this age. Can you show New Testament authority for every practice you have in worshiping God?
5. Jesus did not say, "Be tolerant of religious error; all men have a religious right to be wrong, after all, no harm is done." He did say, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

To which will you pay attention – to what Jesus did not say, or to what he did say?

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Sunday:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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Without Christ, I am Forever Lost

The Bible plainly teaches that I must spend eternity somewhere, either in heaven or in hell. Jesus points out the choice of destinies in His picture of the judgment. "And these shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matt. 25:46). The judgment is certain for all of us. "it is appointed unto man once to die, and after this cometh the judgment...For we must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10). Where will I spend eternity? Well, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die...For the wages of sin is death" (Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 6:23). Because I have sinned, I am justly under the sentence of death.

Christ came, lived and died for me, and this gives me the choice of where I spend eternity! "That by the grace of God he should taste of death for every man...one died for all...For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" (Heb. 2:9; 2 Cor. 5:14; John 3:16). Jesus Christ, by His death for me, makes salvation possible! "Come unto me...He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...in none other is there salvation for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Matt. 11:28; Mark 16:16; Acts 4:12). Without Christ I am forever lost. With Christ I am able to "obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Tim. 2:10). I am a Christian, therefore, because Christ is my only means of salvation.

John wrote of Jesus, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). There was that in His life which gave new meaning in the lives of those who followed Him. He made the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). The apostles who heard those words changed from cringing, cowards to courageous preachers...They went to rebellious people with the message, "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified" (Acts 2:36). When they were persecuted, they were "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name" (Acts 5:41). When threatened, their courage never waned. "We cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard...I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 4:20; 21:13). Christ made the difference in their lives, and He will in yours as well.

Jesus could well be speaking to us today, as He did to the apostle Paul... "Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee" (Acts 18:9-10). The question still rings, "if God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom. 8:31). He promises to be with me in trials, in problems, even in sickness and death. He is that "friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24). As I follow him, I have His assurances, "I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee" (Heb 13:5). Because He is with me, and I in Him, "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). ~Clem Thurman

There's no distance too far that I can't reach you. There's no place that's so dark, that I can't find you.

<i>Keep These Dates in Mind</i>	<i>April Birthdays and Anniversaries</i>		
03/31 Fifth Sunday Singing 04/07 First Sunday Potluck 04/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 04/14 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 04/19 Family Fun Night 6:00p 05/05 First Sunday Potluck 05/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 05/15 Soup Night 05/24 Family Night 6:00p	Avi Botts 4/3 Betty VanVorst 4/6 John Hopkins 4/8 Al & Pat Lindsay 4/12 LaVern & Sammie Engelke 4/18 Eunice Petross 4/25	<i>Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.</i>	
	<i>Bible Studies</i>		
Jesus is at the center of my life. Without him, I'm lost.	Adult Bible Classes Sunday am.–O.T. Beginning in Gen 12 Wed pm – Shadows of the church from the O.T	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Thursday 10:00a.m – 11:30a.m.



Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Kaleb McCrickard, Sue Aldrich, Marji Lindholm, The Johnson family, Marilyn Davis, Randy Hargus, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington
.Shannon Mendoza's aunt died this week. Please keep the family in your prayers during this period of sorrow.
Marilyn and Leland's daughter had brain surgery this past week. So far, it appears she is recovering well.

Many have asked for prayers for family members including **Karen McBurney (father), Amanda McCrickard (mother), Leland and Marilyn Davis (daughter)**. Please add them to your prayer list.

Our lectureship begins May 1st. Keep these dates in mind and invite your friends to attend.

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Austin and Kennadie McCrickard – Bear Valley Bible Institute

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Too Late to Stop the Train

A public service ad on TV urged motorists to exercise caution when approaching railroad crossings. According to the ad, a train traveling at 30 miles an hour takes half a mile to come to a full stop. Many tragic accidents result from careless drivers approaching a train track when it is too late for an oncoming train to stop.

The story of King Josiah in the Bible provides a striking parallel. Josiah was the best of Judah's kings though not the wisest, richest or mightiest militarily. No other king matches his whole hearted devotion to God! When Josiah began his reign, he initiated a policy of reform aimed at purging the land of idolatry and apostasy. He began extensive repairs of the Temple in Jerusalem, which had fallen into ruin. While this work was in progress, Hilkiah the priest found the book of God's law in the ruins. When the Word of God was read in the presence of King Josiah, he tore his clothes in alarm! He was horrified to learn that his people had departed grievously from God's will because they had lost touch with His Word.

Josiah sent to hear from a prophetess of God what the fate of the nation would be. Back came the warning that God would pour out his wrath on Jerusalem and Judah because of their sinful neglect of His Word! Though Josiah himself would be spared, destruction was coming and nothing could halt its inexorable march. The reforms of Josiah had come too late! God had already set in motion processes of history by which Jerusalem would be destroyed. It was too late to stop the train!

The lesson is clear. There is a point of no return in God's dealing with mankind.

- This is true of nations.** Man in the 21st Century has tried to remove God from history. We assume that God's sphere of operation is the church house, while the affairs of state are directed by congresses and parliaments. We talk blithely about the "separation of church and state" as though such a thing were even possible! It is not and never can be. God cannot be separated from the State because governments rise and fall at His will. Acts 17:26 proclaims that it is God who determines the appointed times of nations and sets the boundaries of their habitation. History is nothing but the record of God at work among nations. The Bible affirms that God has repeatedly overthrown nations when their cup of iniquity became full (Romans 1:18). What about America? Pray it is not too late to stop the train!
- This is true of families.** Most people if asked admit the need for spiritual training for their children. Yet, many make no attempt to attend church regularly. Life's spiritual dimension is totally neglected. They are content to promise themselves, "Someday we will start taking the kids to Sunday school and church...Someday we will find time for God!" But Solomon warned that we can wait too long! "Remember also our Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you shall say: 'I have no delight in them.'" (Eccl. 12:1). We can wait too long to bring our families to God.
- This is true of individuals.** We can wait until it is too late to escape the consequences of sin. God has natural laws as well as spiritual laws. In both realms we reap what we sow (Gal. 6:7-8). It is possible to remain so long outside of Christ that no place is found for repentance (Heb. 12:17). Hearts can harden in neglect; we can become so entangled in sin that we find it impossible to leave! There is a point of no return for the soul.

Though most people try not to think about it, there is a coming day of reckoning with God. The time to prepare for that coming Day of Judgment is now. A time will come when it will be too late.

~Bobby Dockery