

Who Is This Jesus?

A beautiful and popular Christian song asks a haunting question,
“Some folks may ask me, some folks may say,
Who is this Jesus you talk about every day?”

When was the last time a friend or coworker asked you about Jesus? When was the last time you realized that you talk about Jesus everyday? Is your work place hostile to religion? What about lunchtime? What about inviting work partners over for dinner? What about neighbors?

Some will be friendly toward Christianity, some will not. But you will never know until you try. In Acts 17 Paul lovingly but clearly proclaimed Jesus and the resurrection. The response of the hearers (v.32) is still typical,

Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, “We shall hear you again concerning this.”

Paul didn't “weed out” potential disciples by whom he thought might listen or not. I have been amazed over the years by the response of people whom I thought would listen but wouldn't, but ever far more amazed by the response of foul-mouthed, immoral weirdoes who listened, learned and are now deeply committed disciples living a sanctified life of dedication.

When the Holy Spirit inspired Peter to write 2 Pet. 3:9, “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance,” He obviously intended for us to share the good news of salvation through Jesus with “all.”

Perhaps it's time for you, as an individual, to figure out what to say and how to say it so that that you are “teaching the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15).

One approach is to write a friend's name on the top of a tract about salvation. Simply hand it to him or her and say, “I read this last week and I thought of you. Let me know what you think of it. I care about your eternity.”

I love Psalm 107:2, “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...” And indeed, King David was willing to say so. As he receives forgiveness in Psalm 51, he addresses the marvelous work of joy in the lives of those forgiven (verses 13-14):

Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation,
And sustain me with a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways,
And sinners will be converted to Thee.

Are you saved? Are you reveling in the joy of salvation? Are you allowing God to sustain you with a willing spirit? Are you teaching transgressors God's ways? Are sinners being converted to Him because of you? Let's talk.

Oh, the song: “He is my Savior, He set me free,
Now listen while I tell you what he means to me.”

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(For further study: Acts 4:20; Ps. 119:46)