

Is Jesus Really With You?



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⁴¹ His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³ When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; ⁴⁴ but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

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⁴⁵ So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

Luke 2:41-50

⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." ⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Diligently Seeking Jesus

The Setting



✂ "went to Jerusalem Every Year at the feast of the Passover" – **v. 41** - Faithfully kept the Law – Ex. 23:15-17

✂ "When he was 12" – **v. 42** "At which age He was known as a son of the law, and came under obligation to observe the ordinances personally." - (VWS)

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✂ "When they had finished the days" – **v. 43** The feast lasted 7 days

✂ "Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it" – **v. 43** - Some 3 million Jews would attend the Passover feast. (Josephus - Ant. VI. 9)

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✂ “but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day’s journey” **v. 44**

- On these journeys, whole villages and districts travelled in groups together
- They **THOUGHT** Jesus was with them, but He was not.

Is Jesus With Me?



They honestly thought Jesus was with them - but He was not! - **Lk. 2:44**

They made a serious search for Jesus & realized He was **NOT** there - **Lk. 2:44-45**

Is Jesus With Me?



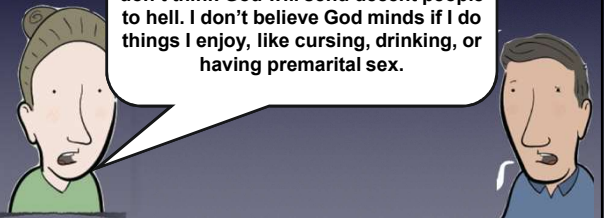
They could not find Him until they went to where He was – **Lk. 2:45**

They kept seeking Jesus until they found Him – **Lk. 2:46-50**

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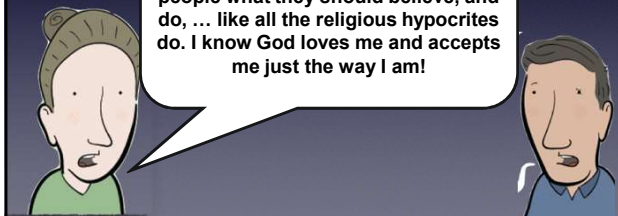
I’m a Christian, but I have my own ideas about Jesus. For example, I don’t believe Jesus is judgmental, and I sure don’t think God will send decent people to hell. I don’t believe God minds if I do things I enjoy, like cursing, drinking, or having premarital sex.



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I do not **NEED** to go to church to be a Christian - Jesus knows where I am, and I sure wouldn’t try to tell other people what they should believe, and do, ... like all the religious hypocrites do. I know God loves me and accepts me just the way I am!



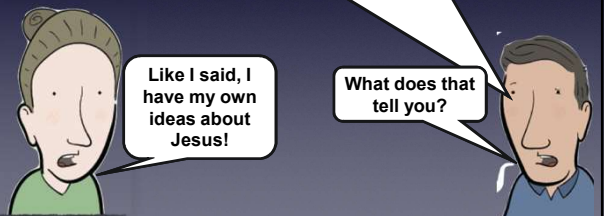
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So you believe in a Jesus who agrees with you in every way? And He sees everyone who disagrees with you as “judgmental hypocrites?”

Like I said, I have my own ideas about Jesus!

What does that tell you?



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But that's the thing. They're just your ideas. You've constructed a Jesus in your mind, but He is not the real, Biblical Jesus.

Your REAL God is?

What was your name again?

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2 Cor. 11:4

4 For if he who comes preaches **another Jesus** whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

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What Will Keep Us From Knowing Jesus?

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

- ✗ The danger of ignorance – **Hos. 4:6**
- ✗ The danger of deception – “Do not be deceived”
- ✗ The danger of self righteousness – **Lk. 18:9-14**
- ✗ The danger of apathy - **Rev. 3:14-17**

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Now by this we know that we **know Him**, if we keep His commandments.

the author of eternal salvation to **all who obey Him**.

- ✗ Living an Immoral Life – **1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21**
- ✗ Living a Worldly Life – **2 Cor. 6:17-18; 1 Jn. 2:15-17**
- ✗ Not In Christ – **Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 1:3**
- ✗ Living Disobediently – **Heb. 5:8-9; 1 Jn. 2:3**
- ✗ Living an Unfruitful Life – **Jn. 15:1-9**

Many Are Seeking Jesus In All The Wrong Places

⁴⁴ and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances

He who loves There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. not worthy of Me.

- ✗ In Family Tradition? – **Matt. 10:37; Phil. 3:7-9**
- ✗ In Denominationalism? – **1 Cor. 1:10-13**
- ✗ In Emotionalism? – **Prov. 14:12**
- ✗ In Freedom From His Authority?

We MUST Seek Jesus Where He Can Be Found - & Keep Seeking Until We Actually Find Him!

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Ask, and it will searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

- ✗ How much effort are you putting into finding Jesus? – **Matt. 7:7-8; Acts 17:11**
- ✗ Don't go on supposing Jesus is with you - be sure!
- ✗ Are you willing to go ALL THE WAY back to Jerusalem?

Is Jesus With YOU?



It is VERY possible to suppose Jesus is with us when He is NOT - **Lk. 2:44**

Will we make an HONEST & SERIOUS investigation & be certain? - **Lk. 2:44-45**

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Are WE looking for Jesus where He is not? - **2:44**

Are we TRULY seeking Jesus where He can be found? - **2:46-50**

Is Jesus With YOU?

Do You Believe? (**Rom. 10:17; Act 2:37**)

Have You Confessed? (**Rom. 10:9-10**)

Have You Repented? (**Acts 2:38; 17:30**)

Have You Been Baptized Into Jesus? (**Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4**)

Are You Abiding In The Doctrine Of Jesus? (**Acts 2:42; 2 John 1:9**)

