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Seeing The Risen Lord

⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." ⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." Acts 9:4-6

Could you imagine being able to see Jesus in the sky and to hear him call your name? Many have wished for an opportunity to have a conversation with Jesus and all it would entail. In Acts 9 we see Saul experiencing this moment unlike any other as he traveled on the way to Damascus. As much as we might wish for this experience, for Paul, it did not work out as one he might have liked. Jesus revealed himself to Saul for a number of reasons, but He started by asking Saul "Why are you persecuting me?" What a shock it must have been to hear from God's Son that your actions are persecuting the Savior. Jesus mentions this twice in this short vision. I believe this tells us a few things about Jesus and Saul that we can use in our daily lives.

Jesus is willing to interact with someone who is acting contrary to His will. Jesus sees potential in those who are currently lost. He sees a potential to turn their life around and we would do well to look for the same potential. For Saul, isn't it revealing that even without knowing Jesus he was persecuting him. His actions against the church were actions against the Lord because Jesus considered these believers as part of His body. Saul believed himself to be right, but he was wrong. His heart was sincere, but his disobedience to God persecuted the one who had come to save him. Could we fall into this same category? Could our actions be persecuting Jesus? We must realize the importance Jesus placed upon the church. If we hurt His church, we will be hurting him. Secondly, let's make sure we know His will, follow His will, and like Paul ask "Lord, what do You want me to do?" If we do these things, we will someday take joy in seeing the risen Lord.

John

Ashamed Of Me?

Luke 9:26 *If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.*

A serious question that we must ask ourselves is, "Am I ashamed of Jesus Christ?" When we become a Christian we are asked before people (or at least one person) who we believe Jesus is. The response is "I believe that Jesus is the Son of God." We openly confess our belief. In this situation, we stand before a friendly crowd. Everyone will be full of joy to hear our confession. What happens when we find ourselves in the midst of those unfriendly to the cause of Christ? Will we boldly confess Jesus or will we find ourselves feeling shame for having a different view than those around us? Peter is an example of this. He was accused of being with Jesus in what he considered a hostile crowd and he declared that he did not know him.

The second question to ask ourselves is, "Am I ashamed of Jesus' words?" Many today are attacking the Bible and its teachings. The Bible is declared old fashioned and irrelevant. Will you stand with God's word or are we inclined to go along with the crowd? Are both Jesus and his word precious to us? Do we have a deep seated faith in both? The worst feeling we could ever have is the day we hear the Lord declare that he is ashamed of us. Let's boldly proclaim our belief in Jesus and his word. If we confess him before men, then he will confess us before his Father in heaven.

Joe

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SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Jim Pollard
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Randy Jones
 Blair Keeling Tracey Wilkins
 Tommy Skelley James Cadle
 Eli Cadle Chris Lewis
 Lee Winchester Barrow Brown
 Read: Acts 9:1-7.....Donnie G. Davis
 Sermon: What A Blind Man Saw.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Ryan Grice
 Prayer.....Max Ballard
 Read: Acts 10:17-22.....Greg Gray
 Sermon: An Upright God Fearing Man.....John Thomas
 Presiding.....Jacob Pollard
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....John Massey

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Melissa Stutts, Juaneese Perdue
 P.M.....Sharon & Jennifer Davis

Song LeaderTrent Thomason
 Prayer.....Max Ballard
 Announcements/Speaker.....Nathan Hixson