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IT HAPPENED IN JESUS' DAY AND IT'S HAPPENING NOW

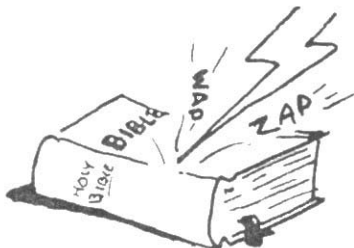
*Being “Scripturally Correct” can cause you to miss the boat!*



Jesus knew whether or not people were really seeking truth. There were times He could have clarified a point to make it easier for those questioning Him to understand. But in many cases He just let the truth of the matter go and allowed people to think whatever they wanted.

Jesus didn't make light of studying the scriptures. He often told the religious people of His day that they goofed up because they didn't know the scriptures or the power of God well enough.

(Matt 22:29 & Mark 12:24). The two go hand in hand.



***WE NEED TO KNOW THE SCRIPTURES AND THE POWER OF GOD.***

Simply being able to recite scripture is no guarantee we will have understanding. It is possible to memorize whole books of the Bible without comprehending what it is saying. In fact we have found at least one example (John 7:41) where

knowing the scripture caused many to not believe in Jesus.

Here's the story....Jesus had just made a public appearance and of course it caused division among the crowds.

Some because of what they heard and saw said, "This must be the Christ." But others, thinking they were more up on scripture, said, "shall Christ come out of Galilee?"



***SOME, BECAUSE THEY KNEW THE SCRIPTURES REFUSED TO BELIEVE JESUS WAS THE CHRIST.***

They had a legitimate question and they had the scripturally correct answer, NO. According to the Bible Christ would not come from Galilee. But they did not know the surrounding circumstances. They thought Jesus was born and raised in Galilee.

They said, "Hath not the scriptures said that Christ cometh out of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" (John 7:42)

There was division over a perfectly correct and proper point in scripture. But those who were correct scripturally missed the boat because they didn't know all the details of Jesus' life. **And Jesus never bothered to tell them.** He knew their hearts. He knew He had presented enough evidence, by the works He had done, to convince anyone He was the Christ.

**They thought Jesus was born in Galilee and he let them think it.**



If they had understood the power of God and the spirit of Jesus' words, they would have searched earnestly to find the whole truth. But they were satisfied to say, "Well the scriptures say" and never check it any further.

They were hard, settled, opinionated, sure.... **They were scripturally correct but they were wrong. They missed the Messiah.** Their point was correct. Jesus was supposed to come from Bethlehem. But they didn't take time to check beyond their limited knowledge of Jesus' life to find that indeed He was born in Bethlehem.



**THEY WERE REALLY RIGHT BUT THEY WERE REALLY WRONG!**

It is very easy for us to become settled in our thinking, secure in our position. It is a constant challenge to look to look beyond a narrow definition of truth and truly, change our ways because of a new understanding we may have gained.

Many people have gained certain scriptural truth. They have guarded it, protected it, preached it and proclaimed it. They have hung unto a corner of truth, afraid to let go, scared to death to ever challenge it, to add to it, to question it in any way. They have found comfort only in knowing they are scripturally correct, but have been afraid to think there might be something more.

They've been taught to stifle that cry swelling up from within, that cry for real true understanding. **This is quenching the spirit.** They've been taught not to rock the boat.

Good men have spent their lives perpetuating a little piece of truth, defying any who would question it. Men and women have given their lives for scraps of truth, which if they had just let go of them, held them out at arms length, examined them, turned them over, they'd have seen there was much, much more to be had.

### **Quenching the spirit.**



We are not belittling in any way anyone's faith or belief. We just don't want you to miss the fullness of God. Our constant prayer is "God give us eyes to see and ears to hear, increase our understanding, don't let us be so afraid of making a mistake that we'll never go beyond the point we are today."

We're entering a new age, a new era of understanding. Don't allow limited understanding of scriptures or surrounding circumstances to hold you back. It is your inheritance to share the very throne of God (Rev 3:21). Learn to recognize the power of God and to answer to the Holy Spirit within that is crying for fulfillment.

We've thrown many new ideas and concepts your way in the year and a half we've been publishing the Monarch. Some people have been offended because of them. We are sorry for that. Many more of our readers have written us letters telling us how they rejoiced as their eyes were opened and their spirit began to soar to new heights as a result of what they read in these pages.

### **THE LORD PROMISES THAT IF WE'LL KNOCK HE'LL ANSWER.**

(Sometime you gotta knock long and hard).



Remember, thinking you know it all can cause you to stumble. It happened in Jesus' day and it has been happening ever since. Don't be too proud to let go of traditional interpretations of the Bible.

The promise to those who are seeking for true understanding is "seek, and you shall find, ask, and it shall be given unto you, knock, and it shall be opened". You can trust God, the promise continues "What man is there among you, when his son shall ask of him for a loaf, will give him a stone?. Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will give not him a snake, will he?" (Matt 7:7).

When you ask from the heart God will answer you just as Jesus answered the questions of His disciples. But, if you're convinced you already have all understanding, God will let you go your own way just as Jesus let those go who were convinced they were scripturally correct.

## **STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD. (II TIM. 2:15)**

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT IN WORD BUT IN  
POWER. (ICOR. 4:20)**