"But Doesn't Anyone Want To Know WHAT He Said?" *John 7:44-52; John 11:17-26*For an unbeliever, death is a reminder to be prepared and there's only one preparation for death and it is the most important decision in life when we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior.

Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ prepares man for death and that's what gives him the confidence that he will have a resurrection body just like Jesus has and therefore, he will have the privilege of living forever in the presence of God just like Jesus does!

And so, life and death is settled by that one decision but it doesn't stop there, otherwise God would have taken us to Heaven the moment we first believed.

Because of the biblical concept of surpassing grace in Heaven and the special greater-grace blessings offered to us on earth before Heaven, it is necessary that we understand that our preparation for death is the constant intake of biblical truth to fill our soul inventory which glorifies God.

By His grace, God formed and has preserved His Holy Scriptures, a book that has always been subject to many attacks, yet it remains a best seller throughout the world.

By His grace, God authorized the local church as a classroom for learning His Word.

By His grace, God provides the local church with a pastor-teacher to communicate His truth via monologue.

By His grace, God has provided the Church Age

Royal priesthood of the believer for privacy in the reception of His truth.

And by His grace, God has provided the ministry of God the Holy Spirit to the church to bring it all together in harmony.

And so, the very words of Jesus are enough to prove that He is the Son of God.

As the Lord Jesus speaks, His words testify of His undiminished deity and humble true humanity as they comfort all who'll listen regarding the world to come.

His words are gracious and tender, words that heal the soul of the broken-hearted, they are words that comfort the grieving mourner.

His words echoed His great authority, they were words such as never heard before.

His words make the deepest truths relaxing and only when people refused to hear His words, did He hide their meaning but whenever there was a willingness to receive His words, He was pleased and quick to speak them.

Jesus only spoke what He had heard from His Father, what He had been taught by His Father and what He had seen with His Father.

Jesus clearly said that His Father had commanded what He should say and that's all He said; His words were not His but His Father's who lived in Him and spoke through Him. It's not that Jesus was with us at one time or will be with us in the future but that He is with us

now and will be with us forever!

We may not see Him or even recognize His presence due to our state of immediate sorrow but He is forever with us!

<u>Instead of physically arresting Jesus, the temple police themselves were soulishly arrested by His message.</u>

So many people are intrigued by miracles but far too few ever hang around for the meaning behind them.

We must stick to Jesus' message and not be sidetracked by personality issues or emotional excitement.

A pastor-teacher who is oriented to God's plan of grace teaches his congregation to be independent of him and dependent on the mind of Christ, His biblical truth.

Don't ever judge until you have all the facts.

Weak government and over-promoted leadership always make personality the issue over principle.

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