

Red Letter Edition

What did Jesus Say?



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It would behoove all who

hold to a doctrine (of any kind) to consider its origin. I have noticed that vinyl siding salesmen tend to think that vinyl siding is better than aluminum siding. Contrarily, aluminum siding sales people don't agree. (Hmmm...imagine that.) We all should seek the Almighty God – not to merely manifest Himself to us in a way that condones and verifies all we have believed until now – not as we presently know Him to be – **but, as He alone knows Himself to be.**

Matthew 11:27 has some mighty red words on this subject, and makes a statement that not all Seekers will appreciate, "... **no man knows the Son, but the Father; neither knows any man the Father, save [except] the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.**"

Note, according to this Scripture, not only is the Father essentially unknown, the Son of our Almighty God remains a mystery to us as well. We (integrity forces me to reluctantly join the group I expose here) are guilty of being the self-commissioned "revealers" of Jehovah. We have made our presentation – our "sales presentation" – to the world, and like the siding salesmen mentioned earlier, we have never gone an inch further than our pet doctrines would allow. We have kept the arguments in our favor, the "product line" restricted to our own catalogue, and made sure that our "customers" fascination with our product will ultimately benefit our personal bottom line.

THE PRODUCT LINE

On this subject, I can and may only speak for myself. Although much attention is paid to the accuracy and integrity of the guidance that comes from this ministry, **YOU** are the judge of truth and veracity. Ultimately, it is you (and only you) who must weigh the evidence, interpret the language and decide if there is, contained in the message, a word for you.

I seem to spend an inordinate amount of time explaining and re-explaining that I am not your teacher; but, it is necessary to continue this endeavor. You should know – this warning is not mere rhetoric or empty words, but a truth which will either become clearer to you in this world or haunt you in the next.

Equally, I realize that I cannot expunge my liability in this matter by a meager warning. I comprehend that I have taken a dangerous and precarious task as a vocation. The Apostle James cautions, "My brethren, be not many masters [teachers], knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation." (3:1) Almost daily, these words come before me.

Does my recognition and fear of this counsel make me trustworthy? Does it mean that you can rely on me to tell you the truth? **NO!** I doubt there has ever been a heretical teacher or false prophet who was not equally aware of this dire and irrevocable warning.

How can this be? Barring the purposely deceptive, all teachers, leaders and prophets think we tell the truth. (*Perhaps this is because we all sell our own brand?*)

When I was a salesman, I had a few rules that governed my career. One rule was that I insisted on selling what I considered to be the very best product on the market. My bosses knew (because I told them) that when and if

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The Mission of TRI

Simply, it is our intention:

To preach to all the chosen of Jehovah hope of new life within, through the promise of His Son and to turn them to Him alone as Teacher and Guide.

To maintain a testimony and reputation that is above reproach by keeping the Commandments of Jehovah while teaching and encouraging others to do the same.

To awaken people to the Truth and timeless relevance of the Scriptures.

To declare the Feasts of the LORD and encourage their observation in the Creator's appointed times.

To expose inherited pagan religious traditions and unsubstantiated doctrines, and replace them with an understanding of the Truth according to Scripture.

To proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom and the return of our Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus) to restore and rule the earth in peace and righteousness.

To encourage the theology, language and lifestyle of the Scriptures in the people of WJW.

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their competitor developed a better product for a better price, I would be applying to *them* for employment. Instead of being blindly loyal to the company that wrote my check I found it beneficial to be devoted to the cold, hard, economic truth that the product was **BETTER THAN ALL THE REST**. When I was sold on it (whatever it may have been) – I found it was easy to sell!

GOT ADD-ONS?

When a tried and true product comes along many times the “hucksters” simply cannot compete; so, “aftermarket” add-ons are made in order to get on the gravy train that otherwise will most assuredly pass them by. Much like fancy chrome wheels or superchargers to fit their otherwise normal car, these Johnny-come-lately manufacturers, incapable of making a quality automobile, make “better” what is “good”! (Or, so they say! After all, they *are* selling their product so how objective *could* their “expert” opinion be?)

In truth, many of the appurtenances sold as improvements are actually detrimental to the basic product. I well remember a mechanic saying, “*Just because it fits a Chevy doesn't mean it was made in Detroit!*”

When I found myself in the “occupation” of ministry, I found many “aftermarket accessories” making the basic product (that is, our true relationship with our God!) look good, but perform very poorly. The *aftermarket* add-ons are the problem – not the original product! When the Lord God set about to rectify the fall of man, He effected a fine, strong and lasting repair. He made reparations with certain caveats and provisos that, although effective and fair, were necessary to everyone involved; the original plan was eventually high-jacked and modified by sinful men. Some, even having the honorable intent to gain restoration with the Creator caused harm, removing warnings and clear instructions that they found difficult to perform – some were less honorable – teachers, leaders, benefiting from the Gospel, obscured the simple instructions creating a “need” for their services. To “sweeten the deal” they highlight the perks and downplay the catch! Like any salesman would.

Beware! Get the real deal! Get the facts! Talk to an authorized representative. (Enter, Think **Red Ink!) Would to God I can represent the deal well, neglecting benefits to myself or the “sale” of “accessories”.**

