

**ATTENTION!!**

**MeetUp Class**  
Monday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.  
28561 Sunnyslope St.  
Desert Hot Springs CA 92241

**Mother's Day  
TODAY!!**

**Visiting Needs**

**Jesus Said...*"I was sick, and you visited Me..."***  
Matthew 25:36

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**Mother's Day**

Excerpted from article by John C. Robertson

Mother's Day is a special time for all of us even though it is not commanded in the Word of God. Never-the-less, the day itself causes us to not only reflect upon God's instructions regarding mothers but also the years that have gone by in our lives with our mothers.

The Word of God has somewhat to say about mothers. Mothers love their children (Proverbs 4:3) and are made joyous over their arrival in this world (Proverbs 23:22). Throughout our lives our mothers instruct us in the ways the Lord would have us go (Proverbs 1:8; 2 Timothy 1:5). Moms always see to it that their children get fed breakfast, lunch, and supper (Proverbs 31:15) and that they have proper clothing to wear (Proverbs 31:21). Moms encourage us at moments when we need it the most (2 Timothy 1:5).

Children are taught by example and they watch their mothers closely as they grow older. When we see our mothers working extremely hard, we not only appreciate it but it helps us develop a good work ethic ourselves (Proverbs 31:13, 27). When we experienced their love we were introduced to character traits in a future mate (cf. Ruth 3:11).

There were also times in our lives that we caused our mothers to be sad due to our foolish decisions (Proverbs 10:1). During these times she was forced, by our disobedience, to correct us with a rod of love (Proverbs 29:15).

The word of God commands that we all "honor our mothers" (Ephesians 6:2). While we realize that this is to be done every

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Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
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moment of our lives, we are thankful for days such as this that remind us of what our God ordained disposition toward them is to be.

The Love we have for our mother should never be dulled. As children under their care we are to "rise up calling her blessed" for her good care and as adults we are to continue to show her honor (cf. Proverbs 31:28).

## **So Much to Talk About**

John M. Buttrey II

What subjects do you like to talk about? Sports? Music? Movies? Hobbies? Politics? Cars? We all have a favorite subject. General speaking, we are much more comfortable talking about something we like and with which we are familiar. If a particular subject is near and dear to us, we can talk enthusiastically about it for hours. In fact, we will likely steer our conversations with others to a point where we can bring up our favorite subject.

As Christians, how comfortable are we with talking to others about the subject of Jesus Christ? Believe it or not, there is more to talk about concerning Jesus than any other subject in the world! John said it well: *"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written."* John 21:25

What an amazing statement by John! Think of all the apostle had seen in only three years of following Jesus during His earthly ministry. John had seen and experienced things you and I will never experience in this life. Yes, there may be a little hyperbole in John's statement. However, think of all Jesus had done while here on earth. If John, or any of the other Gospel writers, were to record every miracle, every word, every prayer, every encounter, every dinner conversation, and every discussion during their time with Jesus, the world truly may not be able contain all the books that could be written.

Jesus is an interesting person to talk about. He is perhaps the most talked about figure in the history of man. For a number of people,

He is a very controversial figure. The Gospel records of His life are loved by believers and challenged by critics. Both believers and critics study His life and His teachings. Needless to say, despite what we might think, Jesus is a very interesting subject of conversation. Almost everyone has an opinion about Him. The apostle Paul wrote about the multiple opinions concerning Jesus that existed in his day: *"But we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."* 1 Corinthians 1:23-24 (Emphasis Mine)

Paul says, when it comes to Jesus, just about everyone has an opinion. I believe, we sometimes think no one would be interested in talking about Him. This is an incorrect assessment. Looking at what is recorded for us in the Scriptures, there is much to talk about when it comes to talking about Jesus. Just familiarizing ourselves with some of the criticisms of the day will give us much to talk about with others. There is always some new theory or accusation that is put forward. In the moment, it sells a lot of books and then vanishes away until the next one comes along.

Let me ask, what is your favorite thing about Jesus to talk or study about? His birth? The miracles He performed? His character? His parables? The training of the twelve? His death? His resurrection? That He was the Word (God) who became flesh? There is much to talk about in each of these areas. All of them can provide endless hours of conversation.

My point in this article is to let us know that talking to others about Jesus is not as difficult as we might think. When it comes to talking to others about Jesus or the Bible, I have heard it said, "I don't know to say." My friends, the challenge is there is so much to say! When it comes to Jesus, or the Bible, we should never be at a loss for words.

***"But if I say, 'I will not remember Him or speak anymore in His name.' Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am weary of holding it in, and I cannot endure it."***

**Jeremiah 20:9**