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Today, many attempt to follow Jesus for the wrong reasons. They want physical benefits (health, wealth, success) or some kind of physical deliverance from their troubles. Is that what He is about? Do we follow Jesus because of who He is or just for what we think He can do for us? To follow Him means to obey Him and to die to our self-centered nature. We need to recognize Him as Truth. The crowd saw Him as their physical deliverer, but we are called to submit to Him as King. He is the One who has come to rule in our lives and hearts. Will you follow?

— Shane Williams



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# The Lilbourn Light



*“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” -Psalm 119:105*



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## The King has come!

If you had the opportunity to go and hear Socrates, Plato, Aristotle or Jesus, who would you go to hear? The Greek philosophers lived 400 years prior to Christ so it would never have been an actual possibility.

Consider however, that you could go hear these well known scholars talk about their views of right, wrong & truth, or you might go listen to the One who IS the Truth.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, there was an excited crowd. They recog-

nized Him as great, yet many didn't really understand much about Him or His purpose. Jesus rode calmly into Jerusalem on a donkey. He visited the temple and then returned to Bethany (Mk. 11:11). The crowd had likely expected much more. They sought deliverance from Roman rule, but He wasn't there for that purpose. He came to deliver from Satan's rule. They recognized that Jesus had come from God, but they completely misunderstood His spiritual mission.

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## Open up and say, "Ahhh"

One of the first things a physician says when he examines a patient is, "Open up and say, Ahhh." It is often possible to make a diagnosis just by looking inside a person's mouth. Some problems can be detected by the tongue's appearance.

This is even more true as a test of spiritual health. A person's speech reveals what is going on inside. Jesus said, *"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks"* (Mt. 12:34).

Listen to people. You will often hear terrible things: Curse words, taking the Lord's name in vain, or any number of substitute variations. Many people use euphemisms that point to these same terrible words. The language of children often reveals the language of the parents. Children may have no idea what they are saying but they hear it said enough, so it becomes their language too. The influence and example we have on our children should be enough to make us re-think our words we use

The apostle Peter, on the night Jesus was arrested, made the mistake of opening his mouth. When he

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spoke, some of the bystanders recognized his language and said, *"Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you"* Then he *began to curse and swear saying, "I do not know the Man!"* (Mt. 26:73-74). Although he tried to deny their accusation, his speech revealed who he really was.

Our speech tells much about us. Our accent indicates the country or region we came from. Our words reveal education, refinement, or the lack of it. Our topics of discussion point to our interests in life because we talk about the things we love the most.

What is your tongue saying about you? What is it telling others? Is it a tool of goodness for the cause of Christ or a tool of Satan to bring others down?

*"With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men who have been made in the likeness of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so"* **James 3:9-10**

— Shane Williams

## Samuel's Prayer

Samuel was a man of great character who appeared when Israel desperately needed such a man. Israel was ruled by God but Samuel was God's prophet who judged the people. He discharged his duties with skill and dedication to both God and the people.

The time came when the people wanted a king such as the pagan nations around them (1 Sam. 8:5). So they asked the man of God to step aside. Samuel was hurt by their rejection. He understood the scope of their disobedience.

**I Samuel 12:17-19**, *"Is today not the wheat harvest? I will call to the Lord, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking a king for yourselves." So Samuel called to the Lord, and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel. And all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the Lord your God that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of asking a king for ourselves."*

The prophet could have turned his

back on the new king and his rebellious people. Instead he declared, *"Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you"* (v.23).

Why did Samuel say that? He knew that even as doors were being shut in his face by the people, another door was open to him — prayer. Samuel demonstrated his godliness by the way he reacted. He was still God's servant and he would still care for God's people.

When we are insulted or hurt by those we try to help, we must resolve not to sin against the Lord by doing the same in return. Instead, we can pray for those who may not appreciate our efforts or understand their own need.

— Shane Williams

### **God's Plan for Saving Man**

- ⇒ **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ **Believe** the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ **Repent** of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ **Confess Faith** in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ **Be Baptized** in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ **Live Faithful** (Heb. 10:35-39)

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