

Who Do You Seek?

Who sought Jesus when He was born and for what purpose?

1. Shepherds (Luke 2:15-17)

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and _____ this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and _____ Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had _____ it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

2. Wise men (Matt. 2:11)

And when they were come into the house, they _____ the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and _____ him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. (Sought Jesus to _____ Him)

3. Herod (Matt. 2:8, 20) - Herod seeks after the child to kill Him

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and _____ diligently for the young child; and when ye have _____ him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which _____ the young child's life. (Herod sought Jesus to kill Him)

Lesson: We can either worship Jesus or we can oppose Him. Like Herod, we can try to prevent Jesus from being the rightful ruler and occupant on the throne of our heart, by having our own desire to rule our lives apart from Him. We can die to self or crucify Him afresh.

4. Simeon (Luke 2:25-32)

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
For mine eyes have _____,

(Sought Him as the consolation of Israel and _____ of the world)

Lesson: Is the central purpose of our lives to earnestly wait for the coming Messiah as Simeon did?

Who sought Jesus at the beginning of His ministry?

“ _____ the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.” – John 1:29

First disciples (John 1:38-39)

“What seek ye?”...“Rabbi, where dwells thou?”

He saith unto them, _____ and _____. They came and saw **where** he dwelt, and abode with him that day...

Philip to Nathaniel (John 1:45, 46)

And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, _____ and _____. (“Come and see”)

Who sought Jesus at the end of His ministry?

Judas and the mob (John 18:4-6)

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, _____? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he...
As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Lesson: We either seek Jesus because He is the _____ or to seek Him for temporal, earthly advantages. (Messiah means “anointed” anointed to be King or anointed with the Holy Spirit)

Who sought Jesus before He came?

Job 19:25-26 For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth: And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I _____:

Who sought Jesus during His ministry?

1. (John 3:1-3) There was a man of the Pharisees, named _____, a ruler of the Jews: The same _____ to Jesus by night...
2. Luke 19:3 - And he (_____) sought to see Jesus who he was... and reformation took place in his life. Jesus said – “salvation has come to this house...for the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost”]
3. John 12:20-21 And there were certain _____ among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we _____.

When people sought Jesus, amazing things happened...those who sought Jesus were not disappointed. (Study blind men, blind Bartimaeus, Jairus, Woman bleeding, Mary at tomb, Peter walking on water, etc.)

What are we to seek?

Matt. 5:8 - Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall _____.

Jer. 29:13 - And ye shall _____ **me**, and **find me**, when ye shall _____ for **me** with all your _____.

Why don't we see Jesus?

1. Doctrines - but no Jesus...must see Jesus
2. Church - why go? People (hypocrites), preacher, music, potlucks, etc or Jesus
3. Looking to Men – politicians, world leaders, pastors, clergy, conference leaders, authorities
4. Christmas - Is Jesus the reason for the season? Or is Christ out of the picture?

CHALLENGE: Must seek Jesus like never before. Study the Gospels and the book of Desire of Ages and study the way Jesus talked, ministered, and treated people and aim to be like Him.

PRAYER POINT: Pray that our focus for 2021 will be on the Lamb who taketh away the sin of the world and that His grace will enable us to be more like him in word, deed and action.

Without the cross, man could have no union with the Father. On it depends our every hope. From it shines the light of the Saviour's love; and when at the foot of the cross **the sinner looks up to the One who died to save him**, he may rejoice with fulness of joy; for his sins are pardoned. Kneeling in faith at the cross, he has reached the highest place to which man can attain. – {Sons and Daughters of God, p. 222.4}