



LESSON #2 = Passion For Jesus Christ: Cultivating a Zeal for Christ & His Sacrifice

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Introduction: We need to dig deep into the book of Acts. Luke outlines for us the will of God for His kingdom, the church (**Acts 1:1-3**). If you keep reading the Acts of the Apostles you will see many stories about the church and the Christian community and how the world was affected by the story of Jesus Christ and Him crucified (**I Corinthians 2:2**). Let's answer three questions together. . . .

Discussion:

I. Who Is Jesus To You?

- A. The Jesus of the World
Matthew 25:41, John 20:30-31
- B. The Real Jesus
Isaiah 53:1-12, Acts 2:14-36
- C. The Real Story of the Crucifixion
Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19
- D. The Real Christian Life
Luke 19:10, Matthew 10:28, Hebrews 12:2, John 12:32

II. Can People See Jesus In You?

- A. The World Needs to Know Jesus
John 14:6, Acts 4:12, John 12:32, Philippians 3:10
- B. The World Needs to See The Real Jesus
I Corinthians 11:1, II Corinthians 3:3, Matthew 5:13-16
- C. The World Needs to Hear the Real Story of the Crucifixion
Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 1:8, II Peter 3:9
- D. The World Needs to Feel Your Passion
Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:1-8, Romans 12:1-13, John 4:19-24

III. What Are You Going To Do?

- A. You can respond to the Lord and follow Him.
- B. You can ignore the Lord and reject Him.

Conclusion: If you are thinking.... "I'm NOT passionate enough!"... then, FIX it right now! START OVER! Maybe you've taken the wrong track and sin has weighed you down. You need to get focused in the right direction while you still have time to change direction. Or maybe you haven't been born again. You have heard the gospel (**Romans 10:17**), but you must believe in Jesus Christ (**John 8:24**), repent of your sins (**Luke 13:3**), confess your faith in Jesus (**Matthew 10:32**), be baptized into His precious blood (**Mark 16:16**), and remain faithful to Him (**Revelation 2:10**). Come to Jesus!