

The Story of Jesus  
(Lesson 37)

Introduction:

1. God wants His people to continually grow in the knowledge of His Son (2 Peter 3:18).
2. In John 5:39 Jesus gave the key to achieving this growth.
3. As we search the Scriptures to increase our knowledge of Christ, we learn that He believed certain things and that He had strong convictions about them.
4. In our lesson we are concentrating on "6 things that Jesus believed."
5. We are studying these things because many people reject them.
6. In order to be true followers of the Lord we must have the same convictions He had.
7. Let us begin our study by going back to the beginning.

Discussion:

- I. JESUS BELIEVED THE GENESIS ACCOUNT OF CREATION
  - A. The details of the Creation are given in Genesis 1-2.
  - B. Unfortunately, many people reject what Moses wrote in favor of evolution.
  - C. However, Jesus revealed His belief in Mark 13:19.
  - D. Jesus knew that the Genesis account is accurate because He was there (John 1:1-3).
  - E. To be the Lord's true followers we must have the same convictions He had.
- II. JESUS BELIEVED THAT GOD'S PLAN FOR MARRIAGE IS STILL IN EFFECT
  - A. God's will for marriage is revealed in Genesis 2:24.
  - B. Unfortunately, many people reject God's plan in favor of various forms of fornication.
  - C. However, Jesus revealed His belief in Mark 10:6-9.
  - D. To be the Lord's true followers we must have the same convictions He had.
- III. JESUS BELIEVED THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF THE FLOOD
  - A. Moses wrote about Noah and the great flood in Genesis 6-9.
  - B. Unfortunately, many people reject the possibility that Noah, his family, and the animals were saved from the flood in the ark.
  - C. However, Jesus revealed His belief in Luke 17:26-27.
  - D. To be the Lord's true followers we must have the same convictions He had.
- IV. JESUS BELIEVED THAT GOD DESTROYED THE PEOPLE OF SODOM BY RAINING FIRE AND BRIMSTONE UPON THEM
  - A. Moses wrote about the destruction of Sodom in Genesis 19.
  - B. Unfortunately, many people reject the reason why God destroyed Sodom.
  - C. Jesus revealed His belief in Luke 17:28-29.
  - D. Later, the Lord's brother showed why God rained fire and brimstone upon the people of Sodom (Jude 7).
  - E. To be the Lord's true followers we must have the same convictions He had.
- V. JESUS BELIEVED THAT JONAH SPENT 3 DAYS IN THE BELLY OF A WHALE
  - A. Jonah's experience is recorded in Jonah 1-2.
  - B. Unfortunately, many people reject this information, claiming it is "allegorical" [figurative].
  - C. Jesus revealed His belief in Matthew 12:38-41.
  - D. To be the Lord's true followers we must have the same convictions He had.
- VI. JESUS BELIEVED THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES
  - A. The inspiration of the Old Testament Scriptures is declared in 2 Peter 1:20-21.
  - B. Unfortunately, many people reject the Old Testament, especially certain books.
  - C. Jesus revealed His belief about the entire Old Testament in Luke 24:44.
  - D. Specifically, Jesus believed:
    1. the Psalms of David (Luke 20:42-43; Psalm 110:1)
    2. the prophecies of Isaiah (Luke 4:16-21; Isaiah 61:1-2)
    3. the book of Daniel (Matthew 24:15; Daniel 9:27; 12:11).
  - E. To be the Lord's true followers we must have the same convictions He had.