

Apples of Gold

Zvi Kalisher's life-changing spiritual conversations

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NO DREAMS—JUST FACTS

Recently I was in the army again. Usually when we are on watch, nights are long since there is nothing to do and we are not allowed to sleep. One night I was on watch with some religious Jews who had many stories to tell; so the hours slipped by quickly.

The first story was about a 90-year-old blind man. In a dream, an angel asked why he did not read the Psalms. The man told the angel he could not read because he was blind. When the angel asked him what he wanted, the blind man requested sight so he could read the Psalms.

Each soldier told a story. When they had all finished, they looked at me and asked, "Have you anything to say?" I knew this was a special opportunity for the Lord.

I told them all their stories were merely dreams. "What I will now read for you is true," I said.

"Where is this written?" one demanded.

I opened my small Bible and read from Matthew 20, where two blind men cried out, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David" (v. 30). And Jesus caused them to see.

"This was not a dream," I told them. I then read Acts 3:6, where Peter said to the lame man, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and

walk.” The lame man arose and walked.

When I finished, one declared, “You have gone too far. How can you say the name of Jesus in our presence? You speak about Him as if He were holy!”

“He is holy,” I replied, “and He always will be. He is everlasting.”

“If you continue to speak of Him, you will have trouble from us,” someone warned.

“I am not afraid of you,” I replied. “You are afraid of the truth, so you speak of dreams and make them seem like facts. When I read the Scriptures, you all trembled with fear. I told you facts, not dreams.”

“Why do you not believe what our rabbis have written?” one asked.

“Because they are stories from their dreams,” I replied. “I believe in one God and what is written in His Bible because it was written through His Holy Spirit, not by people who took their stories from dreams. Show me where the rabbis’ stories are written in the Bible.”

“Ha! Now we are equal,” one said, “because there is nothing written about Jesus in the Bible either!”

So I turned to Proverbs 30:4: “Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is His Son’s name, if you know?” Then I read Daniel 3:25: “Look!. . . I see four men. . . walking in the midst of the fire; they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

This was all new to these soldiers. They had been in darkness for so long, but now they were beginning to see the light.

After that, everyone read and discussed verses from the Bible, instead of telling stories. I read and explained Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Their eyes began to see, and their ears began to hear. Then they took my Bible and began to read it. They even asked for Bibles of their own containing the New Testament.

I read Isaiah 9:2: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined."

I thank the Lord that He uses every situation to glorify Himself. Out of their stories came my opportunity to testify for the Lord. He can accomplish that which is impossible for us.

I pray for these soldiers as they have been confronted with the truth.