

Apples of Gold

Zvi Kalisher's life-changing spiritual conversations

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THEN YOU WILL SEE A GREAT LIGHT

Not long ago I was out walking and four ultra-Orthodox men stopped me on the street. "Do you recognize us?" one asked. "We had a long conversation with you more than a year ago. You promised to continue our conversation. So, are you ready?"

"I am always ready," I replied.

"We spoke about This Man," one said. By "This Man" they meant Jesus. The Orthodox will not say His name.

"My job is not to speak to you about a mere man," I said. "But I will be happy to continue our conversation about the need to have faith in the Lord, according to the Bible. You put your faith in fictional stories and in your rabbis."

Then one asked me "which God" I believe in. They do not understand we believe in a single God composed of three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

So I showed them Deuteronomy 6:4. It is the Shema, which they chant three times daily in their synagogues: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God the LORD is one!"

One man angrily asked me, "In how many gods have you believed? We know whom you worship. How did you find Him?"

“This is a good question,” I replied. “If you read from God’s Word alone, you will learn how to know the Lord personally.”

“Show us where this is written,” one said.

As I began to open my Bible, one of the men said, “Again you show us Isaiah 53!”

“It, too, is in the Bible,” I replied. But instead, I opened my Bible to Zechariah 9:9, where it is written,

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I told them. “You are in darkness. If you will worship God alone, then you will see the Great Light.”

“What Great Light?” one asked.

So I showed them Isaiah 9, where it is written,

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. 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 (vv. 2, 6).

They examined it closely to make sure it was the Bible. Then they wanted to know which rabbi taught me this. I told them I do not learn from rabbis; I learn from the Bible. The Lord has filled me with the Holy Spirit and enables me to understand His Word.

One replied, "Most Christians speak about this Holy Spirit. But faith in such a one is against our religion."

So I asked them if they considered King David a Christian.

"No!" they all declared.

"He was a good Jew!" one said.

So I asked if they believe what is written in the Psalms.

"Of course!" they all replied.

"We read them every day," one said.

"Please read Psalm 51," I said. "Pay attention to verse 11, since you say only Christians believe in the Holy Spirit."

They read, "Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me."

They were shocked. "I do not believe my eyes!" one declared. "I cannot believe what I have read!"

Again they asked me how I came to know so much. I told them I read the Bible. I said, "There is a big difference between those of us who trust in the Lord and His Word and those of you who trust in stories and the words of men."

Please pray they will study the Bible on their own and let the Holy Spirit speak to them through it.

