

# Challenge Ministries



be ready always to give an answer  
I Peter 3:15

earnestly contend for the faith  
Jude 3

## Fishers of Men

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### San Diego State (twice) the Mormon Battalion, Old Town (twice)

Very interesting outreaches this month. The LDS Mormon Battalion has been closed for remodeling for about a year and recently opened in the Old Town area. Ricky, Bill and myself went there to hear about the Battalion and witness to the Mormons. The presentation went through 6 rooms and took about 45 minutes. Amazing, it was rather low key proselyting. We had several excellent talks with missionaries.

San Diego State had an open house where thousands gathered to find out more about going to college. Many young people were open to talk about spiritual things but very few had any idea where there would spend eternity. Ricky visited 5 booths that were run by Christian campus ministries. Sadly, 2 of the 5 could NOT define the gospel or could give a clear presentation of how a person could go to heaven. We spent about 20 minutes talking with 4 Mormons at the LDS booth. Earlier Ricky and I had a great conversation with a young Mormon woman that we met while handing out million dollar bills. We know that these encounters are the direct result of the providence and sovereignty of God. To Him be the Glory.

I was encouraged as we had "Bill" a new team member for most of the month. He is rather new to these outreaches but very energetic.



Here am I presenting the Gospel at San Diego State after refuting evolution and giving powerful evidence for the Creator, the God of the Bible. I posted the video on the internet and have had many emails and dialogues about creation and the gospel.



These were 2 lady LDS missionaries at the Battalion giving our tour. I spoke to a different lady missionary about 15 minutes about the seriousness of LDS doctrine. She seemed genuinely troubled over what I shared with her.



Bill began a long conversation with this homeless man who was considering suicide. Ricky joined in and after about 45 minutes this man prayed to receive Christ. Praise the Lord!



Bill, a new member of the "Fishers of Men" team talking to a potential student at the San Diego State open house about the gospel.

## NEWSLETTER

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## Mormonism Challenged

### How to Witness to a Mormon

After nearly 30 years of witnessing to Mormons I haven't changed my approach much. Most conversations will be rather short so you don't have a lot of time to hear their family history and why they became a Mormon. Nor would I suggest you spend much time on what I'd call "non-essential" doctrines or peripheral doctrines like the mode of baptism or even if we need a modern day prophet.

Here are the big 3 that if Mormonism is wrong on any of these their church cannot possibly be true. The nature and character of God. The person and work of Jesus Christ, and how a person can be right before a Holy God.

I would also suggest that you lovingly, with meekness and fear, control the conversation so you don't chase "rabbits" or waste valuable time.

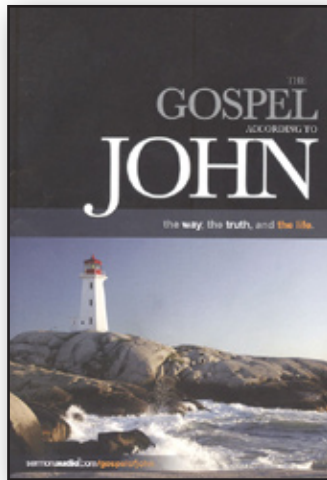
I generally start with the character of God since I believe it is perhaps the most fundamental doctrine of the Bible, that there is but one true and living God. I always like to contrast Mormonism with the historic Christian faith as revealed in the Bible. Since the Bible is the word of God and will accomplish God's purposes when used, I use it regardless of their often low opinion of the Bible.

I would also suggest you ask questions that you know the answer and also that you are aware of the answers they will generally give. This of course takes "work" on your part so be prepared to spend some time studying.

At SDSU I asked 4 Mormons at once to help me understand Moroni 8:18 in the Book of Mormon, which says that God has always been God. They of course believe the verse. However, when asked how it can be true when Mormonism today teaches that God progressed to become God and was at one time once a man.

This was a tremendously difficult question and no easy way out. I added that the Bible also teaches God has always been God and that there is but one God that exists.

The conversation didn't go much longer but I asked if we could all share our testimony quickly before ending which they agreed. Here is where I shared the simple gospel message that I have received and believed. The contrast was more than obvious between theirs and mine.



We've already given out dozens of copies of the Gospel of John. The life of Christ from the writer John, as he describes the person and work of the Son of God, the Creator, and messiah.

## Jehovah's Witnesses Challenged

### Do the Witnesses believe that their religion is the only right one?

This is the question asked on the JW's official web site. The answer is as follows:

Anyone who is serious about his religion should think that it is the right one. Otherwise, why would he or she be involved in it? Christians are admonished: "Make sure of all things; hold fast to what is fine." (1 Thessalonians 5:21) A person should make sure that his beliefs can be supported by the Scriptures, for there is only one true faith. Ephesians 4:5 confirms this, mentioning "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." Jesus did not agree with the modern, relaxed view that there are many roads, many religions, all leading to salvation. Instead, he said: "Narrow is the gate and cramped the road leading off into life, and few are the ones finding it." Jehovah's Witnesses believe that they have found it. Otherwise, they would look for another religion.—Matthew 7:14.

This is a nice way to say that not only are they the only true Christians, but that all other churches belong to apostate Christendom. Only witnesses will not be annihilated at Armageddon.

When witnesses say that if their organization were not the way they would look for another religion, they are saying that to be right with God you must belong to a particular "religion".

They believe that the narrow gate is the Watchtower organization and following their teachings. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

No organization has the power to save. The question they should ask is not which religion or church or organization is right, but rather "**How can I be right before a holy God?**"

Jesus Christ is not only the door, the narrow road, but He was very clear that he was the ONLY way to the Father:

**"I am the way the truth and the life; no man comes to the Father but by me."** John 14:6.

The Apostle Paul said concerning Jesus in Acts 4:12:

**Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

## What's Happening???

**Atheist gets violent at Balboa Park...** I forgot to mention that last month at one of the Darwin/Gospel presentations at Balboa Park at the foot of the Natural History Museum stairs, one atheist became quite violent. This is the first that anyone physically tried to cause harm in our outreaches. This middle aged man became very upset at the critique of evolution and took the stroller that had his daughter and physically rammed the canvas display as I tried to protect it. He began twisting and shoving the stroller and was able to tangle one of the wooden legs of the display in the stroller wheels. Then pushing and violently shaking the stroller with the infant being bounced around, tried to break the display. After some wild jerks he just as quickly stormed off without saying a word. Needless to say this was rather scary to say the least.

**Outdoor Video Evangelism is nearing...** We added one more piece of equipment for our video outreaches, a 6 foot portable screen. This will compliment our 12 inflatable screen. I believe this could be used even in the day time in a shaded area. The first video we'll probably show will be an edited version of the "Jesus" movie. An excellent movie of the life of Christ from the book of Luke.

**We now have 500 Gospel of Johns...** Not only do we need to earnestly proclaim the gospel message, but people need to see and read the Word of God. We have purchased 500 gospel of Johns and are using them in our outreaches to those we talk to. No doubt the most loved and read book of all the Bible. If you support this ministry and would like to obtain some of these books, just let us know how many you need and we'll send them FREE.

**7,000 more million dollar bills ordered...** It is easy to go through several thousand tracts in a month. Sometimes in a single outreach. Please help us if you can with these much needed, God honoring expenses.

Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support.

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*