



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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Balboa Park and San Diego State

Another rather exciting month between Balboa Park and San Diego State University. On a weekly basis we speak with people from all over the world at Balboa Park. Often from 4 or 5 different countries on a single outing.

It reminds me of Mark 16:15, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature..."

And then again in Acts 1:8: "and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

We are truly blessed that there is a sense that believers in San Diego can be faithful to these commands by preaching this wonderful gospel message to peoples from all over the earth. Of course an even greater fulfillment of these commands would be to take this message personally to all the world.



When was the last time you witnessed to 2 men on a ladder of the Gospel of Christ? This is the Amazing Ricky at San Diego State sharing the gospel with some maintenance workers at SDSU.



Ricky again at Balboa Park. Often during the week students from all grades will be on a field trip visiting the museums as this large group. It's a great time to give out tracts and talk to kids about the Lord.



I was invited by a gentleman at Balboa Park to come and visit at the Balboa Park senior center. There were about 20 or so seniors. I gave most of them a million dollar bill and shared the gospel with several at some length.

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JWs Challenged

I am convinced that if you wish to have an effective conversation with someone, especially JWs, it's important to have a plan. When I say plan I'm referring to what I'd like to accomplish with my conversation and also how I am going to direct it. I believe it's helpful to go over in your mind exactly how you want to approach the conversation.

Recently at Balboa Park the JW table had a new JW there that I hadn't talked with. Another man was with him that was providently called away from the table as I arrived giving me some personal time with a young JW man.

I was determined to get him to admit that Jesus must have told the truth in John 2:19-20 where Jesus said He would raise His body from the dead. This he did. I reminded him that the Watchtower taught Jehovah God "disposed" of the body and that Jesus was a spirit creature.

I reinforced this that Thomas was able to touch the very wounds of the body in John 20. Instead of becoming angry he seemed troubled. I told him I cared for him and wished him to know the truth. It was a blessed meeting and I pray God will save his soul.



This was a rather rare group. Ricky and Emma (on the left) are speaking with a JW, a Mormon and a nominal Christian. The third lady is actually behind Ricky. At the end of the discussion Ricky went and got his Bible and gave the Mormon many verses to look up. She seemed like a rather new convert and was quite interested in the Bible verses.

Mormonism Challenged

The last Tuesday of the month at Balboa Park was an interesting event. Ricky and I asked an older couple where would they spend eternity. They said heaven. When asked why, they said that because their heavenly Father sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for their sins. He shed His blood and rose from the dead. They were trusting in this salvation for eternal life. I asked when was the last time they shared this message and they insisted it was very recent.

Ricky then asked where they fellowship. Their response was with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Wow! Mormons are parroting the Christian testimony almost verbatim.

At this point I mentioned that their "heavenly father" could not rescue them. I quoted Joseph Smith's statement that God was once a man like us and dwelt on an earth as Jesus, but the true God said in Isaiah 43:10 that there were no gods before or after Him. They insisted that they knew it was true because they prayed about it. We talked briefly that the Bible says we must test a prophet or doctrine. The conversation quickly ended. Perhaps God will use this to open their eyes.



Bible John is talking to a couple at Balboa Park on a weekday morning. Although there are few people in numbers, most will stop and talk. Interestingly, just an hour later at this very spot, Ricky and I talked to 3 Muslim teenage girls. They even permitted us to pray with them.

What's Happening and What's Coming???

Parkway Plaza Mall Yes?... Lord willing, by time you read this we will be at Parkway Plaza Mall here in El Cajon. I have been given the O.K. for Saturday, February 4. Will report next month.

Darwin's Birthday Feb 12... This years Darwin's birthday falls on a Sunday. I'd like to present my canvas presentation on Darwin and Creation on or near his birthday. Lord willing I'll do this at one of the Universities here or near the Natural History Museum at Balboa Park. I'd appreciate your prayers for boldness.

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May God bless your efforts to serve Him,

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