



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 (3 times), Granite Hills High, Santana High, and El Capitan High

As usual we went to Balboa Park and were also able to go to 3 High Schools. Since the High Schools had at least 2 major exits we would go twice in a week unless bad weather. The majority of the kids took the tracts and many would talk with you if you simply asked them questions.

One of the rougher schools we encountered was El Capitan High. Kids used very coarse language with one another, even the girls spoke using obscenities. One girl, part of a gang, became so vile I had to walk away. Another senior told me she used to be Catholic but had now was a baptized Christian. When I asked her to explain what it meant to be a Christian she didn't know. I carefully walked her through the gospel and gave her some literature. Gill spoke to another one of the gang members. After a fruitful discussion he asked the young man if he had a bible. He said he did not know of one in his home. How sad. Gill gave him a New Testament and encouraged him to read it.

After 10 times visiting schools, I've discovered that young people seem to respect older people that speak with authority about great truths. They seem to appreciate that you care enough to talk to them.



Fred Johnson (in the wheelchair), went with me to Granite Hills High. He's speaking to some students about the gospel after giving them a million dollar bill. Interestingly, we went here 2 days before but no school that day. We did however, have a long talk with a lady walking her baby in a stroller. She was a Seventh-day Adventist. We discussed the gift of salvation that could not be earned by works.



The Amazing Ricky at Balboa Park talking with a couple about the message on the back of the million dollar bill. Another curious couple looks on at the million bucks.



Fred and I went twice to Santana High in Santee. Of the places we've visited so far I think Santana has the best behaved students. These students are crossing the crosswalk after waiting 2 minutes or so for the light while we talked to them about the things of God. Almost everyone took the million dollar bill and most were open to talk about God and His salvation.

### NEWSLETTER

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# JESUS, COMPARED WITH JOSEPH SMITH

In many ways Joseph Smith has a position equally as important as Jesus Christ in the salvation of men.

Joseph Fielding Smith, who became the 10th Prophet of the Mormon Church declared:

“No Salvation Without Accepting Joseph Smith. If Joseph Smith was verily a prophet, and if he told the truth .... No man can reject that testimony without incurring the most dreadful consequences, for he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (*Doctrines of Salvation*, Vol. 1, p. 190)

Apostle Bruce McConkie adds:

“If it had not been for Joseph Smith and the restoration, there would be no salvation.” (*Mormon Doctrine*, p. 670)

Obviously these men do not believe Acts 4:12 which states:

“Neither is there salvation in any other [Jesus]. For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Among the many times Joseph Smith boasted in himself, was a sermon delivered where he boasted of doing a greater “work” than Jesus. He makes this tremendous boast:

“I am the only man that has ever been able to keep a whole church together since the days of Adam. ... Neither Paul, John, Peter, nor JESUS ever did it. I boast that no man ever did such a work as I. The followers of JESUS ran away from Him; but the Latter-day Saints never ran away from me yet .... When they can get rid of me, the devil will also go.” (*History of the Church*, vol. 6, p. 408, 409)

# John 1:1 “Shocking Mistranslation”

Just a few days ago a very upset Jehovah's Witnesses called my home. He said he received the newsletter and had a question why we believed in the trinity and that Jesus is God.

I explained that if the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all called God and yet their is one God, then the trinity is true. Thomas called Jesus the true God by calling Him “Ho Theos” in John 20:28, and Jesus doesn't rebuke him. In John 1:1 the apostle calls Jesus God as well.

Our caller used the fallacious argument that witnesses use that John 1:1 should be translated that Jesus is “a god”. I told him this was a mistranslation as Greek scholars have stated time and time again.

At this point he became quite irate and wouldn't let me speak. The conversation ended at this point.

Here are just a couple of statements by educated Greek scholars on their opinion of the Watchtower translation “a god”:

Dr. J. R. Mantey (who is quoted on pages 1158-1159) of the Witnesses own Kingdom inter-linear Translation):

“A shocking mistranslation.” “Obsolete and incorrect.” “It is neither scholarly nor reasonable to translate John 1:1 ‘The Word was a god.’”

Dr. Bruce M. Metzger of Princeton (Professor of New Testament Language and Literature):

“A frightful mistranslation.” “Erroneous” and “pernicious” “reprehensible” “If the Jehovah's Witnesses take this translation seriously, they are polytheists.”

Dr. William Barclay of the University of Glasgow, Scotland:

“...the Word was a god,” a translation which is grammatically impossible.



Dianna and I set up our projector, laptop, and screen in our back yard for a trial run. It was early evening and yet the screen was very bright. Dianna (5 feet tall stand in front of the 12 foot diagonal screen.

## What's Happening???

**Begin planning about the JW Convention...** If you recall, last year we did open air evangelism at the JW International convention in San Diego which was video taped. This video has now had views on YouTube.com near 17,000 with emails every week. I'd like to once again do the convention scheduled for May 28, just 3 months away. Please consider helping this year. Tracting, open air, prayer, or financial.

**Outdoor Video Evangelism is now ready...** We now have all the equipment necessary to project videos outdoors on a 12 foot screen without a generator or extension cords. As soon as it gets warm we plan to use this amazing opportunity where literally hundreds could view great videos that present Biblical truth.

**Website provider error shuts down Challengemin.org (temporarily) ...** If you remember a hard drive malfunction caused us to rebuild with newer computer equipment. Within days of our recovery we went to place our newsletter on the web and noticed that the entire site was over 3 years old. Newsletters were gone and all the work that had gone into the site vanished. A web provider migration had taken place that used substituted our site with backups that were 3 years old. Long story short, we were able recreate the data and are now back in service.

**Mall outreaches coming soon...** I have several applications for tract distribution in some of the largest shopping malls in San Diego. Mission Valley Mall and Parkway Plaza Mall. Working on getting approval soon.

Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support.

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*