

Ep. 1283: Is Following Christ the Same as Following Christianity? (Part I):

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1. What does the Greek word "*nekro*" mean? How can the dead hear Jesus' voice? With what does Jesus equate death? How can this word be used figuratively? (See John 5:25-29, 20:8-9, Luke 9:60)
2. How did man become a living soul/being? Does the Hebrew word "*nephesh*" refer to humans or to animals? What was Satan's lie to Eve? Did Adam and Eve die immediately? Explain. (See Genesis 1:20-21, 2:7, 15-17, Hebrews 6:18, 2 Peter 3:8)
3. What is death? If death is the result of sin and all sin, how do we get to heaven? (See Genesis 2:17, Romans 6:22-23, John 5:25-29, 1 Corinthians 15:21-23)
4. What had all faithful Jews awaited for generations? Who did Peter believe Jesus was? Was this good news? How did Jesus react to Peter's answer? How did Jesus represent both the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Lamb of God? How did he describe the cost of discipleship to the scribe and to the rich young ruler? Why would the concept that wealth makes entrance into heaven difficult be confusing to first century Jews? (See Luke 9:18-23, Matthew 8:18-20, Mark 10:23-27, Deuteronomy 28:5)
5. Describe how Mark 10:28-30 should be looked at from a spiritual perspective:
a) Houses b) Family c) Farms d) Persecutions

Why is the concept of receiving abundant wealth through following Jesus not accurate?
6. What is the lesson we should take away from the account of Jesus driving the money changers from the Temple? Where did the early church worship? How do some churches make our Father's house a place of business? (See John 2:13-17, Acts 2:46, 19:9, 20:20, 1 Corinthians 16:19)
7. What were the admonitions for elders or overseers in 1 Peter 5:1-4? How was equality supposed to be used throughout all the prospective church members? How were elders chosen? How does this compare with the more modern methods of choosing leaders? (See Proverbs 23:26, Acts 14:21-23, 2 Corinthians 8:18-19)
8. How did Jesus raise the bar on standards of behavior compared to the accepted standards of the Jews?
a) Handling those who speak out against us? (See Matthew 5:11-12)
b) Standing for godly righteousness - even with our enemies? (See Matthew 5:43-45)
c) Handling sins of desire to squelch sinful actions? (See Matthew 5:27-29)
d) The importance of the marriage covenant? (See Matthew 5:31-32)
9. Once we have sinned, is all hope lost? What should our pattern of thinking and behavior be? What is required of us? (See Ephesians 5:1-5, Acts 26:9-11, 1 John 2:1-6)
10. How do we hear the words of Jesus, accept the words of Jesus, apply the words of Jesus and thoroughly live the words of Jesus?