

March 11 | Sunday

Renegade Gospel: Seeing Jesus Today

Read [John 12:20-26](#)



12 | Mon – Then and now | Read [John 12:20-21](#)

Jesus became so well known by his teachings and acts of mercy that people from other countries heard of him. These people from Greece, in town for a festival, found some of Jesus' disciples and asked to see him. It is one thing to hear about Jesus and admire him from afar but quite another to actually meet and talk with him. Are you one of those folks who enjoys hearing inspiring sermons about Jesus but don't spend much quiet time seeking to know him personally? If so, he's waiting and would really like to meet with you.

13 | Tue – What about 2018? | Read [Mark 5:19-20](#)

The Gospels are full of amazing stories of the impact Jesus had in the first century in his own country and beyond but what about our world in 2018? Secular networks rarely report good news that has a religious connection but you can be sure that God is at work all over the world *right now*, changing people's lives. And what about you? Do you have good news to share of how real Jesus is becoming to you? Your friends and family need to hear it.

14 | Wed – Prerequisite to seeing Jesus | Read [Matthew 7:7-11](#)

So where do you start? Look expectantly - that is the prerequisite for seeing Jesus in the present. Jesus told us to ask, look for (seek), knock and he promised we *would* receive, find and doors would open. People who go the the beach looking for the perfect seashell will find what other beach-goers pass right by because their attention is focused elsewhere. How can you prepare your heart to see things about Jesus that others may miss?

15 | Thu – Where to look | Read [Matthew 25:37-40](#)

Jesus gives us some great insight about how he is working in our lives today. Often we see a need and it motivates us to do something, not always realizing the far-reaching effects of our small efforts. Look at this example in Matthew 25. It is Jesus who changes our hearts (when we ask) and then uses us to change the world. Where are you called to make a difference? There is no more exciting place to be than working with Jesus.

16 | Fri – How did I miss that?! | Read [Matthew 13:10-15](#)

Are there times when something seems so clear to you that you can't believe others do not 'get it'? The disciples asked Jesus why he talked differently to the crowds than he did to them. In verse 15, Jesus quoted Isaiah, giving the reason why a person may hear but not understand what Jesus is saying. The disciples heard differently because of all the time spent with him and because their hearts were open. Being spiritually sleepy or too comfortable because life is going well can cause us to miss Jesus' words to us. What wakes you up?

17 | Sat – A gripping promise | Read [John 14:18-19, 23](#) and [Matthew 28:20b](#)

One of the greatest promises Jesus left his disciples and us is repeated in these verses. Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, is with you *always* and present in your world today. And his promise is that we will see him. Where? It might be in the hugs of your children or in the face of stranger who did not expect your help. It may be through the words of Scripture, a sermon you listen to and really hear, or the quiet approval you sense in your spirit when you have obeyed Jesus' words. Where will you see Jesus in this day? Be looking expectantly.