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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11).

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## NEVER MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS MAN

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It is written concerning the Lord in John 7:46, "Never man spake like this man." When this man spake:

#### PEOPLE WERE

ASTONISHED. When Jesus ended the Sermon on the Mount, "...the people were astonished at his doctrine..." (Mt. 7:28). When He taught in the synagogue, "...they were astonished at his doctrine..." (Mk. 1:22). In Capernaum when He taught on the sabbath days, "...they were astonished at his doctrine..." (Lk. 4:32). Have you heard His astonishing teaching?

#### HE SPAKE WITH

AUTHORITY. Do you know why the people were astonished at His doctrine? "For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Mt. 7:29; Mk. 1:22). "...his word was with power" (Lk. 4:32). Christ has "...all power...in heaven and in earth" (Mt. 28:18).

#### HE SPAKE LIFE-GIVING

WORDS. Jesus declared, "...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (Jn. 6:63). When the Lord asked the apostles, "Will ye also go away?", Peter answered,

"Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:68).

#### DEVILS WERE CAST OUT.

Matthew 8:16 reports, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word...." This shows His power over the spirit world.

#### THE WIND CEASED. When

"there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship", He simply said, "Peace, be still" and "the wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mk. 4:35-39). The wind and the sea obeyed when this man spake!

#### SICK WERE HEALED. A

centurion recognized there was power to heal when this man spake. He said, "...speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed" (Mt. 8:8). With His word, the sick were healed (Mt. 8:16).

# DEAF WERE MADE TO HEAR AND DUMB TO SPEAK.

He just said, "Eph-pha-tha, that is, Be opened" and made "both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak" (Mk. 8:31-37).

#### DEAD WERE RAISED.

When He said, "*Tal-i-thacu-mi*", the twelve-year-old daughter of Jairus arose and walked (Mk. 5:22-24, 35-42)!

When He uttered, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise", the widow of Nain's son sat up and began to speak (Lk. 7:11-16)! When He spoke, "Lazarus, come forth", He that was dead came forth (Jn. 11:43-44)! All the dead in the graves will come forth at the sound of His voice at the last day (Jn. 5:28-29)!

#### SINS WERE FORGIVEN. He

said to the man taken with a palsy, "Man, thy sins are forgiven thee" (Lk. 5:20-24). The healing of this man demonstrated the power of the Lord to forgive sins. To the sinful woman at Simon the Pharisee's house, Jesus said, "Thy sins are forgiven" (Lk. 7:36-50). He can forgive your sins today! "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

We need to hear what this man spake (Mt. 17:5; Acts 3:22-23)!

# **Gospel Meeting**

with

**Ron Halbrook** 

October 23-29

## **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Nicolas Edwards

It's that time of the year when individuals are preparing to go back to school. It is a good time to remember that we are all students year round! That we "might walk worthy of the Lord", we must be "increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10). As students, we must:

**STUDY.** In order to learn. pass your tests and pass the class, one must study! Just as it is vital to study while in school, how much more important is it that we study God's word! "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). We need to "search the Scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). May the law be our "meditation all the day" (Ps. 119:97-100). Just as one may receive poor grades and fail the class because of little to no study, we may be "destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

**ATTEND.** Students must attend their classes! No attendance would mean failure. More importantly, we must

attend worship and Bible study! "But seek ye first the kingdom of God" (Mt. 6:33). "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). As tardiness is not acceptable in the classroom, it certainly is not acceptable "in the house of God" (1 Tim. 3:15).

#### SET THE RIGHT EXAMPLE.

"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Ex. 23:2). "Evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Cor. 15:33). Be sure you are doing what is right! We need to have the attitude of David from Psalm 101. The Lord said, "ye are the light of the world...let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 5:14-16). Paul wrote, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

## LISTEN TO THE TEACHER.

As students, it's important that we listen to the teacher. Usually, students take notes while being taught that they may

study them further and take learning! We must listen to the greatest teacher! Nicodemus said to Jesus, "We know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (Jn. 3:2). "...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded vou" (Mt. 28:20). The Lord taught, "as one having authority" (Mt. 7:29). He has "all power" (Mt. 28:18). Therefore "whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord" (Col. 3:17).

NOT PROCRASTINATE. A lot of people tend to put things off to the very last second. This is a bad habit and makes matters a lot worse. It can lead to failure. We must "be diligent" (2 Pet. 3:14). Get to work! "...and whatsoever ve do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Col. 3:23). Don't wait for "*a* convenient season" as Felix did (Acts 24:25) — that time may never come. That may be too late! Don't put off making your life right with God. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). "Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1).

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