

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2015

As we begin another New Year with hope for the future and promises both kept and broken from the year past we make new resolutions, promises, and vows for this New Year to ourselves and to others. Sometimes it's best to face the New Year by asking questions rather than making unrealistic promises.

WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I AM?

Matthew 16:13-16 Jesus loved Peter and spent a lot of time teaching Peter and warning Peter about great spiritual things because he would end up being a great leader of the church and of people. However, Peter had a lot of lessons to learn before becoming great. Jesus had enormously important questions to be asked of all believers and He used Peter to give us several things to think about.

John 7:6-13 There were many people in Jesus day that thought He was a good man, they had heard Him speak, they saw the miracles He performed, however, like today many say they love Him but are afraid to talk about Him. When people say He was a good man who do you say that Jesus is?

John 9:13-17 Like the people in these verses there are those today that think of Jesus not only as a good man but more than that they see Him as a Prophet. These people must be told the truth that Jesus is much more than a Prophet from God. Who do you say that Jesus is?

John 3:1-2 Nicodemus was a prominent religious leader in his day that thought Jesus was not only a good man and a Prophet but also a teacher from God. Many false religious leaders today portray Jesus teachings in their opinion and confuse many believers. When confronted with false teachers by friends, family or others who do you say Jesus is?

WILL YOU GO AWAY?

John 6:58-69 There are many today just like those in Jesus day that did not understand the great spiritual truths taught by Jesus and therefore fall away from church and from following the Lord. When you find it hard to understand what's going on with your life in 2015, "will you go away?"

Luke 22:54-61 As the promise of persecution that Jesus talked about comes to America and more persecution from family, friends, work and authorities come to you, "will you go away?"

John 21:2-3 When more trials, testing and problems come into your life because of your stand for Christ will you revert back to your old life and influence others negatively, "will you go away?"

Acts 12:25; 13:5, 13; II Timothy 4:7-10 As we get older in the Lord and our spiritual walk gets harder because of problems will you get selfish and caught up with worldliness, "will you go away?"

DO YOU LOVE ME?

John 21:15-19 As the final days came when Jesus would depart from His disciples Jesus had to set in motion the discipline it would take to get His church started and growing even while great persecution would come. He warned Peter about his death but wanted Peter's total loyalty to serve Him and serve those that would become believers. In 2015 if great persecution comes to you will you still serve Him. What will you answer when the question comes from Jesus, "Do you love me more than these?"

Matthew 10:34-37 Who is your number one priority in life? Will you put Christ first, His mission, His Church, His Bride? What will you answer Him when he asks "Do you love me more than these?"

Luke 12:15; I Timothy 6:10 When you have to choose between giving to Jesus or giving more to yourself what will your answer be when Jesus asks, "Do you love me more than these?"

Galatians 2:11-13 Will we buckle under the pressure of unbelieving friends or co-workers when the integrity of Jesus is at stake? What if Jesus asks, "Do you love me more than these?"