

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED UPON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

JESUS' WORD IS TRUE

Luke 11:53-54 "As He went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke Him to speak about many things, lying in wait for Him, to catch Him in something He might say."

Can you believe everything that Jesus says? His enemies in today's devotional verses laid in wait to "catch Him" saying something that they could use against Him. There are still many debates today regarding what Jesus said and taught. Those against Jesus continue to try to find fault with His teachings. They want to discredit Him by catching Him in something they can use against him.

Trying to catch Jesus to discredit Him is useless. His word is true. "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32) "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life." (1 John 5:20)

Think how important it is that Jesus word is true. For example, He said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) In fact, St. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:16-19, "For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." He has promised, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

Jesus' word of truth is the foundation of your eternal hope. The Hymn writer wrote, "His (Christ's) oath [binding word], His covenant [legal contract with you] and blood Support me in the raging flood; When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." (LSB 575, v. 3) Jesus Word is all you have! Jesus Word is all you need because it is true. He does not lie.

Prayer: O Lord Jesus, grant me faith to trust Your word. Amen.

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled.

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am Your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”
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