

Another Conversation with Jehovah's Witnesses

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I just had another visit from the Jehovah's Witnesses. Last week I saw them walking around my neighborhood as I was leaving to record a radio program and turned around to wait for them.

Any time I discuss scripture with a Jehovah's Witness, I go straight to our main point of disagreement, the Divinity of Jesus Christ. Rather than preaching them off the lawn as happened in April, I went to Zechariah 12 wherein Jehovah says "they shall look upon ME whom they have pierced" and showed how Jesus fulfilled that prophesy in John 19, being pierced by the Roman soldier. Their book read like mine, and they were a bit puzzled and after much more discussion they left.

Today, they returned to give me some literature on the Trinity. This time, I went to a Psalm we recently studied on a Wednesday night at Flint River, Psalm 68. In this chapter, the Psalmist says to speak unto JAH, who is God, and then proceeds to speak to God in a praising manner. Among the things written, is a prophesy that "thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men..." Paul quoted this same scripture, one which clearly refers to God, as being fulfilled by Jesus in Ephesians 4 (He ascended...gave gifts unto men). Point? Old Testament prophesies which refer to Jehovah were fulfilled by Jesus in His personal ministry. They were prophetic of Him and His work and confirm the Divinity of Christ.

Maybe they'll come back...I have a few more examples in mind for them.

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When I shared this brief account on my facebook page, a few friends commented at how hard it is to get Jehovah's Witness folks to leave sometimes. They're persistent, some remarked. This isn't my experience, but I suppose I approach it differently. When they or any other religious folk show up at my doorstep, I turn the tables on them. I take the bull by the horns and turn the moment into an evangelistic outreach of my own. I immediately attack the main point of disagreement and begin to reason from the scriptures. You'll find most heretical groups are founded on some outlandish, unbiblical idea. With the JW people, it's the denial of the Divinity of Christ so this is where I start.

Peter wrote to "be ready always to give an answer." May we *be prepared* (Boy Scout motto) to do as Paul and reason with folks from the scripture.