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## THE DAILY LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN!

*"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and follow me."* (Luke 9:23)

*"...they searched the scriptures **daily**, whether those things were so."* (Acts 17:11)

*"But exhort one another **daily**, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."* (Hebrews 3:13)

*"Give us this day our **daily** bread."* (Matthew 6:11)

*"...And the Lord added to the church **daily**, such as should be saved."* (Acts 2:47)

*"And **daily** in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."* (Acts 5:42)

Christianity is more than a "*once a week religion.*" It is a "*daily walk with Christ in an effort to glorify God, grow spiritually, and bring others to souls into His kingdom through the teaching of God' word.*" If we are going to be Christians at all, let us be Christians every day of our lives, for Jesus said we should "*...take up our cross daily, and follow Him.*"

## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BIBLE QUESTIONS:

Uzziah is the name of the king of Judah that went into the temple to burn incense. This duty belonged only to the priests. Uzziah was struck with leprosy by God for this act of disobedience. (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 26)

Epaphroditus was the messenger sent from Philippi to check on Paul in Rome. Epaphroditus became very ill and nearly died during this trip. (Philippians 2:25-30)

## QUESTIONS FOR THIS MONTH:

What is the name of the woman who was expelled as queen in Persia during the reign of Ahasuerus? (Who took her place as queen?)

What is the name of the man who served as high priest at the time of Jesus' death?

## THE DAY OF THE LORD!

A couple of nights ago I heard a preacher on TV say there were 10 signs given in the Bible that could be seen in our present generation that were a clear indication that Jesus would be coming back to earth in the near future. He was going to talk about these signs the next time he was on TV. Undoubtedly he had in mind some of the things spoken of in Matthew 24 such as ***"wars, and rumors of wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes, and so on."*** However these things described by Jesus were not signs at all, but conditions that would exist shortly before Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 a.d. Verses 1-34 describe things that would happen during that generation of time and have nothing to whatsoever with any signs that are supposed to precede the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ. The scriptures clearly teach that there will be no signs given before the coming of Christ. Unless of course you happen to believe that a thief would give you signs before he broke into your house. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:10 says that the ***"day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."*** This same statement is found in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-4 as well. Watch out for those persons who try to tell you about signs before the coming of Jesus. They're either ignorant or dishonest.

## WAS JESUS A MISRABLE FAILURE?

To hear premillinealists talk, you would think that Jesus was a miserable failure. He supposedly came to establish an earthly kingdom, but could not do so because He was rejected by the Jews. That within itself doesn't make sense since for if Jesus had come to establish an earthly kingdom, which is the kind of kingdom the Jews were looking for, then why did they reject Him?

The truth is Jesus was a remarkable success! Everything that He came to do He accomplished. In John 17:4, spoken by Jesus in a prayer to His Father in heaven shortly before His death, He said the following: ***"I have glorified thee on the earth: I HAVE FINISHED THE WORK WHICH THOU GAVEST ME TO DO."*** The last statement that Jesus made before He died was ***"It is finished."*** (John 19:30) How could Jesus make such statements as these if He had not accomplished what He had come to do? In Psalms 118:22-23 we read a prophecy of the rejection of Jesus by the Jews and how in spite of this rejection, Jesus still finished His mission. It says ***"The stone which the builders rejected is become the head stone of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."*** Peter referred to this scripture in Acts 4:11-12 as having been fulfilled in Jesus. In spite of His rejection, and in spite of His crucifixion, Jesus still accomplished His mission. For you see my friends, ***"...with God nothing shall be impossible."*** (Luke 1:37)

Jesus did not come to build an earthly kingdom. He said to Pilate in John 18:36 ***"My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now my kingdom is not from hence."*** Jesus came to build a spiritual kingdom in which mankind could find the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He accomplished this mission by His death upon the cross and His resurrection from the dead. If death itself could not stop Jesus from succeeding, what makes anyone think that the Jews could stop Him either? 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:14 says this: ***"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."*** Thank God for the fact that in this mission Jesus was a remarkable success! "Thanks be to God, for His unspeakable gift." (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:15)