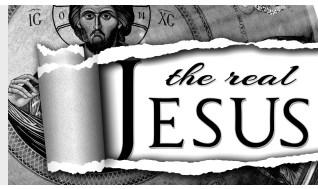


The Power of Words with Actions

The Real Jesus- Part 42 John 14:10-15
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1. We'll do even “greater things” than Jesus did?

Did Jesus mean by “greater”, that we'd do more spectacular things than He did? History clearly shows what Jesus meant by “greater”, he was referring to scale and quantity of influence of mission not the spectacular. Remember Jesus called us to follow him in example of love and unity not to be magicians.

2. What's it mean to pray, “in Jesus' Name”?

Was Jesus giving us a blank check to get whatever we want when He said, “I will do whatever you ask in my name” (John 14:13)? Is saying “in Jesus name” like putting the proper address on a letter to make sure it gets to the correct destination? Reading the whole sentence starts to clear things up, the condition is that we request inline with a result that will give honor to God! Two things to remember. One, in Jesus' world you couldn't just walk up to a king and make a request, you had to know someone who could pass along your request or get you into the king's presence. Jesus does that for us! Secondly, a person's name represented the essence and character of who the person was. So, to pray in Jesus' “name” means to ask inline with who Jesus is! Author Skye Jethani sums this up by saying, “to pray in Jesus' name has nothing to do with uttering the right words and everything to do with living in right relationship with Jesus himself.”

3. The Power of Words with Actions

This is Jesus' last teaching for his closest friends. They carry weight, not just because of timing, but because the words reflect the very way that Jesus actually lived his life.

“Christianity is not a creed or something we receive for a rainy day. It is a new orientation! It changes everything! It must become an intentional, daily, kingdom-oriented, lifestyle!” -Dr. Bob Utley (freebiblecommentary.org)



Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. What do you say to people who have grown weary of prayer because they feel like God isn't responding?
3. The Apostles never end their prayers with the tag, “In Jesus Name”. Based on what we learned today, is there a more intentional way we can capture Jesus' teaching of asking “in His name” when we pray?

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