

Jesus

One of the most amazing stories ever told is the story of God’s creation of the heavens and the earth. The Genesis account tells us that God simply spoke the words and the world came into existence. Every living creature and plant life was created by God in six days.

One of the greatest creations was mankind. God took the dust of the earth and breathed life into man. The first man was called Adam. It has been estimated that over forty billion people have lived on this earth since Adam. Among those who have lived include black men, white men, brown and yellow men. They have explored and settled upon every corner of the earth. They speak many languages, practice multiple religions, and have made numerous cultures.

Taking these thoughts into consideration, every single human being shares two vital things. Their purpose of life down here, and an eternal destiny which is determined by a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In Matthew 22:42 we are asked the most important question of our lives, “What think ye of Christ?” In essence, the Scripture asks the question, “Do you think



JUST A THOUGHT

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of Christ?” What do you think? Let me give you some quotes from Harold Wilmington:

To the artist he is the One altogether lovely (Song of Solomon 5:16).

To the architect he is the chief Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:6).

To the astronomer he is the Sun of righteousness (Malachi 4:2).

To the baker he is the Bread of life (John 6:35).

To the banker he is the hidden treasure (Matthew 13:44).

To the builder he is the sure foundation (Isaiah 28:16).

To the carpenter he is the door (John 10:7).

To the doctor he is the great Physician (Jeremiah 8:22).

To the educator he is the new and living way (Hebrews 10:20).

To the farmer he is the sower and the Lord of harvest (Luke 10:2).

What an amazing lineup of different people from many aspects of life and what Christ really means to them personally.

As the Scripture asks this powerful question, the answers cover a great span for many. First of all, there are some who never think of Christ at all. I believe that in our small community there are people who have never heard of Christ. Secondly, some deem it unnecessary to have any fixed thoughts about Him. He doesn’t have any place in their lives. Thirdly, there are some who have many thoughts about Christ. However, these thoughts have never moved them to a decision. Fourthly, some have right thoughts, but wrong feelings because

they don’t see Him for who He is. Fifthly, some have right thoughts and right feelings because they have a personal relationship with Him.

We must be able to see five distinct things about His life, His person, His mission, His condescension and grace, His work, and His ability and willingness to save. Have you ever thought of what it is that keeps you from Him? I realize for some it is simply the lack of knowledge. No one has ever explained the significance of Christ in our lives. There is also the aspect of sin that keeps us from Him. We don’t want to give up our sin. For others it comes down to pride. The only thing that you will ever

give up by trusting Christ as your personal Savior is hell. There are times, and this is one, that we are confronted by the plain truth. We cannot help ourselves and we cannot escape the consequences of not experiencing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Do you think of Him? Do you know Him? If you have never met Jesus and want to hear about him, I would love to sit down and talk with you personally. It is the greatest decision you will ever make in this life. If you miss Jesus, you have missed everything that life is about.

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seed Taylor, despite a valiant effort, saw their 2020 season come to an end with a three-set loss to No. 1 ranked and No. 2 seed Marian (18-25, 15-25, 25-27).

Amanda Adams led the way with a team-high 14 kills in her final match for the Purple and Gold, while Grace Issacs and Ryan Czerniak each added nine kills apiece. Kacy Bragg dished out 28 assists, while Nikki Parrett led the defensive effort with nine digs.

Thursday, Nov. 10

Behind a career-performance from Martina Demarchi, the IWU Wildcats punched their ticket to the Crossroads League Tournament Championship, defeating the Saint Francis Cougars in four sets in the semi-final round (25-21, 25-27, 25-14, 27-25).

Demarchi collected a career-high 16 kills and 14 digs in the match, while Marci Miller finished with 11. Olivia Zawadzki dished out 41 assists, while Ana Collar added nine kills and 14 digs.

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