

BORING?



No wonder the churches are empty!

Even the mega churches are losing their grip.

The world rushes by and doesn't take a second look.

It's all so boring!!

Church is boring.

Christian radio is boring.

Evangelists are boring.

Christians are boring.

So how do we fix it?

How do we jazz things up?

Do we put out a survey and find out what the folks out there are looking for?

Boredom in Jesus' day.

Those scribes and Pharisees would bore you to death.

And the pompous priests would put you right to sleep.

So everybody went out to the Jordan wilderness to hear that crazy John the Baptist.

At least he wasn't boring.

He would shake you up.

Next thing you knew you were out there in the river getting baptized!



When you came home, you knew something had actually happened to you out there.

When Jesus came to town, people dropped everything and went out to hear him.

Nobody fell asleep when Jesus spoke!

There were no gimmicks.

No fancy music.

No entertainment.

Every word he spoke burned with fire.



If you were proud he brought you down.

If you were humble, he lifted you up.

If you were arrogant, he scared it out of you.

If you were afraid, he gave you peace.

But where is Jesus now?

Jesus hasn't disappeared.

He has relocated.

When the saints no longer pay attention, he always relocates.

“Remember then from what you have fallen, repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”

Revelation 2

Jesus is strangely missing from the clatter of Christendom.

You will find Jesus where people focus on what he has to say.

Jesus isn't interested in our doctrinal squabbles.

He is turned off by our politics.

He has no time for our conspiracy theories.

You will find Jesus wherever people listen to him and repent.

Jesus is never boring.

“I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!

I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division; for henceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

Luke 12

“I came to cast fire upon the earth.”



That fire is spreading over the globe at this hour.

Look for that fire, and it will find you.



And you will never be bored again!

Prayer: Holy magnificent Lord, oh how we want to be part of the fire you are casting upon this earth...to be kindled, ignited, enlivened by you. We need to hear you, we need to know you, we need your words to burn within us. Help us to truly find this fire, to live this fire, to speak this fire. Help us to stop being satisfied with the boring counterfeit of you offered by so many. May what they offer bore us, disgust us, disappoint us until we are drawn to others who are listening, who are ready to be baptized with the fire you have for us...to accomplish your perfect holy purpose in our lives and on this earth. Amen.

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