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# “Serving God’s Servants”



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The tomb of every human religious leader in the world is occupied. Only the tomb of Jesus is empty. To refute the truth of who Jesus is, the resurrection must be explained away. The evidence is overwhelming that Jesus did rise from the grave. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-5 which summarizes the Gospel and clearly states the evidence. The fact of the resurrection proves Jesus to be God. Romans 1:4 “. . . declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.” We ultimately must each wrestle with the question, is Jesus who He said He was? **Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.” C. S. Lewis**



## Where We’ve Been, What We’ve Been Up to & Where We’re Headed Next . . .

- January 20, February 17— Mending Fences Fellowship leadership team, Spokane, WA
- February 29—ESM Board meeting, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA
- March—New Hope Bible Church, AWANA Club, Spokane Valley, WA
- March 29—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA
- April 12—EASTER SUNDAY / Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA

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## AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE FAITHFUL SERVANTS



For nearly twenty years, Pastor Kevin Ch’en, his wife, Janell and a ministry team have faithfully served in the East Sprague district to the homeless, to drug addicts and others with behavioral problems. Mending Fences Fellowship is located at 1906 E. Sprague Avenue, in the heart of a very challenging neighborhood.

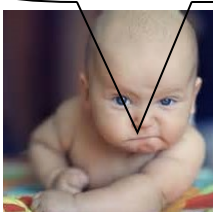
To supplement income, Pastor Kevin builds and repairs fences. The construction business is called Mending Fences & More, Inc. As you may imagine, bridging the ministry of mending fences spiritually and physically is most challenging. I have served as an advisor on the Mending Fences ministry team for about ten years. There have been unique challenges and opportunities. The most recent challenge has been the need to replace the church furnace. This need was sudden and unexpected.



PASTOR KEVIN, MENDING FENCES

Housed in an older building, there have been a number of surprises that have taxed their limited financial resources. Here’s an opportunity for us to help and encourage. The total cost was about \$4,000. They were able to get some rebate assistance for a furnace upgrade and had the unit installed. The ministry

“GIVE OR I WILL HUNT YOU DOWN!” has a small financial reserve, but this expense has been a drain. If you are able and impressed by the Lord to help, we are directing all funds designated to our **BARNABAS FUND** for March and April to help with this need. It would be great to meet at least half if not all of this expense. Pray and give as God enables you. Your gifts will impact lives here and for eternity.





## JESUS DID NOT ACTUALLY SAY THAT HE WAS GOD.

### Have you heard this statement before?

If I am able to leave a person with one question with which to wrestle, I have asked this, "Is Jesus who He said He was?" Consider the following: **JESUS CHRIST ALONE CLAIMED TO BE GOD IN HUMAN FLESH.**

- He said that he who has seen Him (Jesus) has seen the Father (John 14:9).
- He said that He existed before Abraham (John 8:58).
- He said that He was equal with the Father (John 5:17, 18).
- Jesus claimed the ability to forgive sins (Mark 2:5–7), which was something only God could do (Isaiah 43:25).
- John 14:6 Jesus stood before the disciples and said, "I am the way the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father but through me." Imagine being on scene and hearing those words. What would you have thought? He, Jesus, is the ONLY way to the Father, to Heaven. Is He really claiming that which only God could offer?
- The enemies of Jesus knew that He claimed deity. John 10: 30-34 "'I and the Father are one.' The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. . . 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy . . . being a man, make yourself God.'" The Jewish adversarial audience understood clearly what Jesus was saying.
- John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." The Word is Jesus, God in the flesh, Who was there "in the beginning." That One Who was "in the beginning," was God alone.
- The New Testament equated Jesus as the creator of the universe (John 1:3).
- Jesus is the One who holds everything together (Colossians 1:17).
- The apostle Paul says that God was manifest in the flesh (I Timothy 3:16).



Some have denied that Jesus ever existed. The Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus (A.D. 37 – c. 100) not only attested to the fact that Christ walked on earth, but that Jesus was not an ordinary man. Josephus wrote the following in his Antiquities 18:63, "About this time lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was the achiever of extraordinary deeds and was a teacher of those who accept the truth gladly. . . He was the Messiah. When . . . Pilate condemned him to be crucified, those who had come to love him originally did not cease to do so; for he appeared to them on the third day restored to life, as the prophets of the Deity had foretold . . ."

#### THE TESTIMONY OF TWO BROTHERS OF JESUS

**James 1:1 "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ . . ."**

**Jude 1:1, 4 "Jude a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James . . ." ". . . Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord."**

If there ever was an opportunity to expose Jesus as a fraud, it would be from the pen of those who knew Him best. James and Jude were the half-brothers of Jesus. James and Jude grew up in the same home as Jesus. There must have been times when the siblings of Jesus grew tired of their Mom saying, "Kids, stop that! Why can't you act more like Jesus?" In their letters, James and Jude had the perfect opportunity to let readers know the truth if Jesus was not who He said He was. James and Jude affirmed the deity of their half-brother, Jesus, by referring to Him as "Lord" (master), "Jesus" (savior), "Christ" (messiah). Why would they perpetuate a lie? The words of these two brothers provide incredibly persuasive evidence as to the deity of Jesus.

The central proof that Jesus was the Son of God was His resurrection from the dead. "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." 1 Corinthians 15:17 When asked for a sign from the religious leaders, Jesus replied, "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40). "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up... but he spoke of the temple of his body" (John 2:19, 21).

**RECOMMENDED FURTHER RESOURCES :** [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org) / *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel

*The Case for the Resurrection* by Lee Strobel / Watch the video: The Case for Christ

## Thoughts From Diane . . . Our Time of Need

When George and I were first married he was still in college. We had financial challenges just like a lot of people do, but still, it was a wonderful time, challenges and all. We moved back to Minneapolis and George enrolled in seminary. Things became interesting with the start of many moves, places of employment, ministry and then pregnancy. We lived in different places kept moving and our first son was born along the way. Money, which there was little of, was quickly spent. George was a very hard worker, so along school, ministry and church responsibilities, our lives were very full. I'll never regret any of it. God continued to provide for our needs.



Now we've seen fifty years come and go. Those years have been grueling at times. Still, we have trusted God and I felt at times we've fought not just battles but wars. God has been incredibly gracious and a presence that no human could provide. Personally, I have grown in my faith. I love God so much and cannot even express that love with mere words. I still walk because God sustains me. You would think that with this disease taking away so much of my strength I would have a closer relationship with God on a daily basis but it's been hard to sit down, pick up the Bible which contain God's living and powerful words. I feel exhausted, out of breath and unable to do much of anything. I don't leave the house often but I have the back yard, a house to live in, food to eat and I'm so grateful. Yet there are times I struggle emotionally and spiritually.

Three days ago I started thinking about our country and how fast time seems to be moving toward oblivion. I've never seen our nation so angry about everything. I could make a list but I won't do that here. Then I received a call from a good friend I met through work. She had been in the hospital twice and was in a facility trying to just breathe. She sounded so sick and I asked her if I could pray for her. During prayer I broke down. My heart was broken for her. I saw myself not far behind her. I got off the phone and sat with my Bible in hand. I listened to music and prayed. I told God I couldn't bare the weight alone and gave all of that weight to Him.

I'm reading in Hebrews. It contains more wisdom than I'll ever have but Jesus walks me through and shows me His Words in a new light and comforts me there. Hebrews 4:16 "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and grace to help us in our time of need."

Prayer, speaking with the King of Kings! I pray every day, every moment and yet, sitting down reading His Words and His speaking back is the best ending. I'm a talker, but listening intently to Jesus brings perfect peace, a peace that passes all understanding. My mistake? I was looking at earthly things through my own eyes. I'm thankful to God for His mercy and grace. I hope you know Him too.

(I love you Sharon G. You're such an encouragement to me)

**1 Corinthians 15:58 Standing Firm, Diane**

#### YOUR PRAYERS STRENGTHEN AND ENCOURAGE US.



- Pray for our national leaders. Pray they will seek the will of God.
- Continued effectiveness in ministry.
- Pray for Diane and George (G2) - grace, endurance and daily strength. Your prayers strengthen them both.
- PRAISE—for Pastor Mark Smith serving at Lake Roosevelt Bible Church doing much better after surgery
- Continue to Pray with us for new board members and for two new churches to partner with us.
- Continue to pray for a "Timothy" to partner with us and eventually lead Eagle Summit.