

Interview 6

David Jones

Good evening. This is David Jones reporting from outside Jerusalem.

It has been ten days since the tomb where Jesus was laid to rest was found empty. I have been following this story through every lead and speculation and can report that we are no closer to any resolution than we were ten days ago. The Romans continue to insist that they were diligent in their watch of the tomb and stand by their assessment that no one had any access to the tomb. The Jewish leadership continue to accuse the Roman soldiers of either sleeping on the job or were involved with followers of Jesus in some scheme to disrupt the Jewish faithful.

I have tried to set up interviews with all parties involved, but at this point in time there is nothing new to report and there is no one available to bring anything different than what we already know. I will continue to follow this story, but until something changes, I'm afraid that our networks time could be better utilized with other stories.

Until further developments occur, this is David Jones signing off.

As David and the camera man start to break down their equipment, there is some commotion as a man seems to have appeared from nowhere and startles the few bystanders.

Drew looks up and seems a bit hesitant

DJ

May I help you?

Jesus

I'm here to help you.

DJ

[hesitates and proceeds cautiously]

You're..... Jesus?

Jesus

Yes [*as he walks up to David and extends his hand to shake*] And you are David.

The camera man starts to take out his camera when Jesus stops him

We won't be recording this... please... let's sit down and talk.

As the two sit back in their chairs, Jesus takes the open chair across from David.

DJ

In all due respect, if you are Jesus, this would be a huge story to bring our viewers. Why would you not want that?

Jesus

David, I just came to speak with you. I have no concern for ratings.

DJ

Why do you want to speak with me?

Jesus

Your heart was troubled. You've been working so hard for the truth in this story and have been frustrated at how the truth has been so unreachable.

DJ

And we could reach a lot of people if you let us set up the camera. Why would you deny our viewers the chance to see the truth without any doubt?

Jesus

Oh David, I could have come down on a cloud and made a grand entrance, but God much prefers the one on one approach. A deal's a deal.

DJ

What deal?

Jesus

Free will. God wants each person to be able to make their own choices. They can cut their own path without God constantly trying to make them go down a path they didn't choose.

DJ

But wouldn't it help them out knowing what is happening here after your death... and apparently your resurrection?

Jesus

[smiles]

David, you are doing what most people do and that is you are focusing on the events and not the message. What people choose to believe about my death and resurrection is of little concern to me. I didn't come to do tricks, David, I came to bring a message.

DJ

What is the message?

Jesus

[smiles again]

Good question, David... Love. Let's talk about love and let the Roman and Jewish leadership try to figure out how the stone moved, shall we?

DJ

What is the message of love?

Jesus

God is love, David. If you want a relationship with God, you must have love.

DJ

Seems like you went through a lot of trouble just to tell people to love God.

Jesus

[smiles]

You don't make it sound very exciting David. But your comment reflects the reason I needed to bring the message. Look around you, David. Look at how people approach their living. People are living their life without giving any value to love. Do you hear anyone talking about love? Do you see anyone and say, 'There's a person full of love'? We say God is love, yet there is no sign of love anywhere. If you want a relationship with God, then you have to start with love. That's the message, David.

DJ

So did you came to start a new religion?

Jesus

No. Life is your religion, David. How you approach living is the religion of everyone. Yet most people live their life in fear of all the rules. They focus on following rules so they will find favor with God. It just doesn't work that way.

DJ

Are you suggesting that rules are not important? That's why they crucified you, right?

Jesus

I'm not against the rules. We need rules. But here's the deal, David. God gave Moses the ten commandments, right?

DJ

yes

Jesus

And ever since then, the Jewish leaders have been debating the ten commandments. Which one is more important than the other what should be the consequences for those who break them. It's a constant debate that has no end.

That's why I answered as I did when they tried to get me into the debate. They asked me what the greatest commandment was and I said ' To love God with all your heart, mind and soul... and love your neighbor as yourself.'

They were not very happy with that answer, you know why?

DJ

Because it's not one of the commandments?

Jesus

No David... It's all of the commandments rolled into one simple idea. If you focus on love in every thing you do and every word you speak, you will never have to debate the ten commandments, David. If you approach every day to do everything in the name of love, you will be in compliance of all the laws.

DJ

How do you find this love?

Jesus

It's in your heart, David. God gave every one of us a great capacity to love. We all have it. But everyone is so busy trying to follow the rules and live in this constant fear of all the consequences for breaking any the rules, yet nobody even thinks about trying love. That's why I came. That's the message for you and everyone. The answer will always be love, David.

DJ

You make it all sound easy, but I'm really not sure where to begin.

Jesus

Use your microphone, David. Make a commitment from this day forward to only do stories about love. Let the other journalists do investigative reports on the empty tomb of Jesus. You don't have time to waste on such nonsense because you're busy bringing the world the stories of love. You be the reporter who gives us the story of the woman who helped her neighbor in their time of need. You be the reporter who tells us the story of a village that worked together to lift each other up after a disaster. You be the reporter that people will turn to every time they see your name, because they know that you will give them a story to inspire them to live better. You'll give them the story that makes them smile and feel good. You'll be the reporter whose name, David Jones, will become synonymous with love. You approach your work like that, David, and I promise, you will have a lot more followers than I ever had.

Jesus smacks his hands on his knees as he begins to stand up

Speaking of, I better get back to my group before they start worrying that they killed him again. You've got a good heart, David. Use it for love.

Jesus starts to walk away when David stops him.

DJ

Jesus, may I ask you one more question?

Jesus

[turns to DJ]

Of course

DJ

Saul made a good point when I was talking to him. He said that whoever took you out of the tomb went out of their way to make it look like a resurrection. Then he said that if it truly was a resurrection, they wouldn't have needed the stone to be moved. Then he said if they got to the tomb and rolled the stone open and found no body and the garments neatly folded, that would be a totally different story. So, I'm wondering why did you move the stone?

Jesus

[smiles warmly at David]

Saul is a good man and does make a very good point, I agree. But I wouldn't make too much about the stone. My mother was coming up the hill, you know. If you saw your mother coming, wouldn't you open the door for her, David?

David nods in agreement as his smile grows

Thanks for the talk.

With that, Jesus is gone and the Tomb Interviews are no longer on the menu for David Jones.