**They Knew**

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They knew who Jesus of Nazareth was, the Christ, the Son of God; that is the devils knew, and they trembled (Luke 4:40-41, Mark 1:21-25, Mark 3:11-12, Matthew 8:28-29). Yet the religious leaders of that time (the chief priest, scribes, and pharisees) denied that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ, the Son of God and they crucified the Lord of glory for envy. They were more concerned about the day of the week on which the Lord healed the people (the blind, the sick, the lame, those bound up by unclean spirit(s)) being the sabbath, the outward circumstances, that they could not see who was right in front of them. They were more concerned about keeping their place of power or prominence with the people and with the Romans (John 11:48), that they feared, and then they instilled fear into the people that if they confessed that Jesus was the Christ that they would put them out of the synagogue (John 9:22). They even asked him directly if he was the Christ, and he answered "I am", but they closed their ears to the truth that was in Jesus, and said the he was a blasphemer of God, because he did not fit into their idea or thoughts of who the Messiah should be, or where he came from, or what his birth circumstances were in their carnal judgement. These were the spiritual leaders of that time, and they did not know, their heart was hardened, and they chose not to see, because they were blinded by envy (Matthew 27:18, Mark 15:10).

Today the same thing is happening in the Church; many are crucifying the Son of God afresh, denying Christ, with the traditions and doctrines of men, and many for filthy lucre (money) sake, for the accolades of men, or for being ignorant of the truth that is in Jesus. Many are taught and know Jesus the man; many are taught and say that Jesus was God which is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit because of unbelief that God sent his Son, Christ, in the likeness of sinful flesh to condemn sin in the flesh that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Many don't know Christ the Son of God who was in Jesus, and who is also in you (Colossians 1:27). The Lord said, "whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:33). You can't blame men for your ignorance of the Son of God when you stand before the Lord, because you are to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, not relying on someone else to do the work for you and you just show up once, maybe twice a week to hear their version of what the scriptures say; it is given unto you, personally, to know they mystery of the kingdom of God. Many should know but don't know Christ, because they are letting these someone else’s (men through books, TV, CD's, etc.) teach them, when they should be allowing the Holy Spirit to lead them into all truth as they study the scriptures (the Bible).

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (KJV)

Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God; all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in him; and the mystery of the gospel is Christ in you the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. They knew, we know having been taught by the Holy Spirit and led into all truth, do you know? We pray that you too will rightly divide the word of truth, rightly divide what you hear from others by going to our Father (God) seeking his wisdom and understanding by the Holy Spirit and come to the knowledge of the truth that is in Jesus. God bless and keep the faith.