

SCRIPT – INTRODUCTION - Wait A Minute! Bible Study Series

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Narrator

Welcome to the Wait A Minute! Bible Study Series...

We have prayerfully created this set of Bible studies for those who want to study the Bible for themselves.

But you cannot really understand the bible unless you have been born-again by God's Spirit.

We want you to hear the words of Jesus for yourself. He is the One you really need.

Before you get back to your busy life, we'd like to ask you to Wait a Minute...

The Bible says that Jesus never taught the people without telling them a story –

So here's a story for you...

Let's listen in to what the news might sound like if the streets were full of people reading the Bible.

[news opening music sound bite]

[W-O-W announcer words fading in]

News Anchor – ...increasing numbers of people are wanting to know the Bible for themselves.

Reports of people meeting in groups are coming in from all over the world.

For more on the story we go live to our man on the street where people are singing and praying in the background.

John, what do you think is causing all this?

[street noise] [murmuring prayers] [guitar hymns playing in background]

Reporter - well Frank, I'm here in Fair Oaks Park where hundreds of people have come to meet.

I gotta say its kind of unusual because there is no leader -just people praying, reading the Bible and singing.

Here's a young man who looks like a nice guy. Excuse me, can I ask you some questions about what's going on here?

Teen – sure, go ahead!

Reporter – So, why read the Bible?

Teen - The answer is – to know Jesus Christ

Reporter - I don't get it.

Old man – of course you don't because the bible says that those who are not born-again cannot understand the things of God. For you reading the Bible is like reading someone else's mail.

Those of us who follow Christ can see that the nations are turning against Iraq and it will soon be destroyed.

Reporter - OK, so what is it like to know him –does it happen all at once?

Teen - Well, when you spend time with someone you will find yourself walking and talking like them. Y'know what I mean?

How can you trust someone unless you get to know them? We just want to get to know Jesus better and to trust Him more.

Try it and you will see that you find yourself using the same words that your friends use so that you can speak their language.

Reporter -What is it like to talk like Him?

Woman - How else would we know how to talk like him unless we have spent some time listening to him?

As you listen you can compare your words with his.

But also -do you walk like him?

Reporter - Aaaa... I don't know. What kind of places did he walk?

Woman - As you read you will see Jesus walking with people who needed help.

Reporter - So, another way of walking like Him is the way you act towards other people?

Old Man – Mr. Reporter –it sounds like you are beginning to catch on. Can I pray for you? What's your name?

Reporter - Ummm... I'm John [fade out prayer]

Old Man – Heavenly Father, we come to you, praying for our new friend John....

Narrator

Let's leave that reporter to talk things over with Jesus...

Now, YOU are listening to these words because you want to understand the Bible for yourself.

The Bible says that we base everything we believe on the words of Jesus.

The very first teachings of Jesus were the words of the sermon on the mount. We call the beginnings of his teachings the Beatitudes.

This is a good place to start.

You have been called to live the way that Jesus lived. Let's visit for a moment what it was like to live the way Jesus lived.

He was whipped as a test to see if he would change His words. We can be whipped by the devil every day just for the fun of seeing if he can make us miserable.

[whipping sounds] [drum beat in background]

He was misunderstood and falsely accused.

[crowd laughing and shouting like a mob]

These accusations were nailed on a sign over his head. In the same way that the devil wants to say that our sins are always hanging over our heads.

[hammer sounds –chink]

[lightning – storm]

What kind of God in heaven would not be pleased that you are trying to understand his words? God IS pleased with you if your sins are covered by the blood of Christ.

Let's jump right into the first words of Jesus on the mountain-side. Take your own notes. Stop the recording when you need to -and take your time. Don't miss anything that God has for you.

When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Whatever enemies you are facing – money problems, health problems, people problems... knowing Jesus is the key to everything in life.