CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, August 31, 2014



PLAYING WITH THE TRUTH

1. BELIEVE THE TRUTH:

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 11:45 (p. 991)

There is a significant difference between

believing ABOUT Jesus

and

believing IN Jesus.

2. ISOLATE THE TRUTH:

But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

John 11:46

The system around them

has them so boxed in

that they choose to set it aside

and ignore its implication to their lives.

3. FEAR THE TRUTH:

Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many signs. 48If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”

John 11:47-48

There is a fear not of the truth itself but of the consequences of the truth. They refuse to embrace the truth because they believe what they have will be lost and what they have they believe to be more important than Jesus.

4. TWIST THE TRUTH:

Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”

He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation,and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

John 11:49-54

You can twist, ignore, deny, downplay, isolate and hide the truth all you want but in the end the truth will win and often in the mean time the truth will over power the very words you say.

5. SEEK THE TRUTH:

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple courts they asked one another, “What do you think? Isn’t he coming to the festival at all?” But the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest him.

John 11:55-57

“Ask and it will be given to you;

seek and you will find;

knock and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7 (p. 895)