

Search the New Testament text during the forty days of Jesus' teaching after His resurrection and you will find that *this is all He talked about!* Our **first response to Christmas** is to **repent** of our own sin and **confess** faith in Jesus as our "Immanuel" and our "Savior."

According to Jesus, our **second response** is to **proclaim** "repentance for forgiveness of sins...in His name to all the nations" (Luke 24:46-48)—just like Jesus did. He brought salvation to the wealthy yet lost tax collector Zaccheus (Luke 19:1-10); wept over lost Jerusalem (v. 41); welcomed a hated Samaritan (17:11-19); forgave the political and religious authorities who crucified Him (23:34); extended open arms to children (18:15-16); and extended His family to include the Gentiles (Acts 9:15; 10:34-35).

All these and more reveal **Jesus' burning heart for the lost**. This is the compassionate spirit of the Christmas message—and it is the mission of **FaithSearch**.

Our Mission Is the Compelling Need of the 21st Century

The apostle Peter gave a timeless command which is particularly relevant today: "...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have..." (1 Peter 3:15).

Our sons and daughters are being bombarded continuously with anti-Christian propaganda. As a result, nearly **one-third of those under thirty years of age** in America no longer claim any affiliation with the Christian faith.

Theologian John Warwick Montgomery lamented, "We have woefully neglected our responsibility to train our young people in the solid case for Christianity, and then we wonder why they depart from the faith under the influence of secular university instruction."

Popular author Nancy Pearcey also commented, "To be effective in equipping young people and professionals to face the challenges of a highly educated secular society, the church needs to redefine the mission of pastors and youth leaders to include training in apologetics and worldview... A religion that avoids the intellectual task and retreats to the therapeutic realm of personal relationships and feelings will not survive in today's spiritual battlefield."

For thirty-five years **FaithSearch** has been proactive in doing what the apostle Peter commanded, and fulfilling these exhortations. Many youth and adults testify that we have satisfied their questioning minds and helped them avoid a spiritual "train-wreck," so to speak.

Our Mission Is the Call of God to the Friends of FaithSearch

The angels were sent to earth to announce God's world-changing gift, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; ...good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10-11).

The question remains: when will "all the people" hear this glorious message? In part, God has "delegated" the answer to this question to His followers—including **FaithSearch** and our "Friends." The Bible says that the eyewitness shepherds "made known" what had been told them about this Child (Luke 2:17). Today Christianity is the largest religion in the world. **It would not take long for all to hear if each of us took part in God's call.**

For thirty-five years **FaithSearch** has faithfully responded to God's call by proclaiming the Christmas message throughout the U.S. and on four continents. As a result of our ministry, we estimate that **70,000 people** have experienced for the first time the "great joy" of knowing Jesus as their Savior. At least **2 million individuals** have heard the message through our books and presentations.

Hundreds of people—friends of **FaithSearch**—have made that spiritual fruit possible by their **continuous prayers and financial support**—we hope prayerfully and generously again this Christmas. If you are not one of these, my invitation to you is to become one this Christmas. In the spirit of Christmas, help us to compassionately share its wonderful and saving hope to a lost world by making a contribution today.

A Gift for You

When we send your receipt for *any financial gift* given to **FaithSearch** by the end of 2013, you will receive a half-price coupon (value: \$3.50) redeemable at our online store or at our office for a 25-pack of our just-published "Jesus" PocketGuide. These are a thoughtful and colorful summary of the evidence for Jesus and His saving Gospel. With these, you, too, can share the Christmas message throughout 2014!



Humbly grateful for your prayers and gifts this Christmas,

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"The Road to Emmaus" by 16th century Italian artist Altobello Meloni.
"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32).



P.S. The entire **FaithSearch** field and support staff extend to you our sincere thanks for your friendship and partnership in the Gospel with evidence in 2013. **Merry CHRISTmas!**