



The Messenger

Messenger Project Newsletter

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Messenger Notes



New Instruments for Messenger Project.

Lionel De Leon recently purchased a lap slide and twelve-string semi-hollow body electric guitars for **Messenger** recordings.

William Jefferson is adding lead vocals for *Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd)* on our upcoming CD, which is very close to completion. We have two more songs that are waiting for lead vocals and our long-awaited CD will finally be done!

Challenger youth camp in Lancaster has changed our performance date to the end of July, due to a conflict in scheduling. The date won't be firmly established until we find out if the new proposed date is good for our drummer.

Lionel De Leon and the Huntington Beach **Community Bible Church** worship team performed *I Am Not the Christ* during the May 22nd offering at Community Bible Church. Their next performance will be June 26th.

Quotes about Jesus

Everyone has different thoughts about Jesus. To most Christians, Jesus is Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Son of God, God in the flesh. Some people see Jesus as a wise philosopher or prophet. Others view Jesus as a magnified cultic hero or revolutionary rebel. Some people don't give Jesus much thought or ridicule his name and his religion. The following quotes from famous historical figures illustrate the diverse impressions Jesus makes.

"Jesus remains unshaken as the practical man; and we stand exposed as the fools, the blunderers, the unpractical visionaries."
George Bernard Shaw

"I am an historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history."
H.G. Wells

"If you think you can walk in holiness without keeping up perpetual fellowship with Christ, you have made a great mistake. If you would be holy, you must live close to Jesus."
Charles Spurgeon

"As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene....No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life."
Albert Einstein

"Every person is Christ for me, and since there is only one Jesus, that person is the one person in the world at that moment."
Mother Teresa

"We cannot be truly Christian people so long as we flaunt the central teachings of Jesus: brotherly love and the Golden Rule."
Martin Luther King Jr.

"If Jesus had been killed 20 years ago, Catholic school children would be wearing little electric chairs around their necks instead of crosses."
Lenny Bruce

"Jesus was the first socialist, the first to seek a better life for mankind."
Mikhail Gorbachev

"We're more popular than Jesus now."
John Lennon

"Good friend for Jesus sake forbear, To digg the dust enclosed here! Blest be the man that spares these stones, And curst be he that moves my bones."
William Shakespeare

"We believe that the first time we're born, as children, it's human life given to us; and when we accept Jesus as our Savior, it's a new life. That's what 'born again' means."
Jimmy Carter

"Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I founded great empires. But upon what did the creation of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded his empire upon love, and to this very day millions would die for him."
Napoleon Bonaparte

What others say about Jesus may be inspirational, humorous or thought-provoking, but what *we* think and believe about Jesus is of greater importance. Except by the grace of God we are all condemned by our sins. It's important to know *why* we are Christians. We can't be hearers of God's word only, but must be doers as well. For we are witnesses for Christ and living testimonies of God's love and mercy. May God's Spirit radiate inside us, so that we may become lights to all who are lost in darkness.