

**Witness His Majesty Week 1
The Innkeeper's Son
Sunday November 28th, 2021**

Luke 2:1-7 (NLT, pg. 851)

Faith and actions working together are very

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James 2:14-26 (NLT, pg. 1020)

For my life to bear witness to His majesty I must know...

...that saying the right things isn't a _____ of faith.

James 2:14 (NLT) What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?

James 2:18 (NLT) Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."

Matthew 7:21 (NLT, pg. 804) "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

...that faith and belief are not _____.

James 2:19-20 (NLT) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

James 2:17 (NLT) So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

John 8:31-32 (NLT, pg. 890) Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

...that works don't save me; but _____ that I have a genuine faith.

James 2:24,26 (NLT) So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone....Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT, pg. 978) God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

John 15:16-17 (NLT, pg. 897) You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other.

**Final Thought: _____
(NLT, pg. 1025) You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.**

Witness His Majesty Week 1 Discussion Questions

Is it surprising to you that only 2 of the gospels include the Christmas story? Is it surprising to you that many of the details and characters in the traditional Christmas story are not truly represented in scripture (like the innkeeper)? Is it a challenge for you to keep the Christmas story fresh and relevant in your life and faith year after year? Why or why not?

Do you remember “show & tell” from your early school days? If you could bring something to a session of “show & tell” as an adult what would you bring to show and why would you want to tell about it? Read James 2:14-26. How does this concept of “show & tell” connect to our life of faith? Explain.

Re-read James 2:14. Are you a follower of Jesus who is truly saved? Why or why not? James uses two Old Testament figures, Abraham and Rahab (see James 2:21-25), to make his point that faith and actions need to go together. If someone accused you of being a follower of Jesus, what would be their evidence from your life? How does this concept help us to counteract the reputation that all Christians are hypocrites? Explain.

Read 1 Peter 3:13-17. What is Jesus inviting you to do today to authenticate your faith in a world that is both listening to and watching your life? The words and actions of the innkeeper obviously influenced his son from the video. Who has influenced your life towards faith in Jesus by what they have shown and told you?