



I Want Proof

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TODAY'S READING: Mark 8

Have you ever met someone who says they do not believe in God because there is not enough proof? I used to have a good friend named Max who would tell me there was not enough proof that the Bible was accurate or God was real. I was in seminary during this time and made it my mission to show Max books on this very topic. I would research and watch videos for hours and hours in hopes of giving Max more evidence that God was real. Every time Max saw my proof or evidence he would say, "Oh, that's not proof." I was so frustrated! As time went on, I watched Max abandon his wife and kids and ruin his life because of his sin. I tried to help Max and so did others, but he did not want help. The more I prayed for Max and thought about it, I realized something. Max did not actually want proof that God existed or that the Bible was real. What Max wanted was an excuse to justify how he was living. If God does not exist and Jesus was just a person, then I can live however I want. The "proof" he wanted for God would never be enough.

In Mark 8:11-13, Jesus has another conflict with people just like Max – the Pharisees. Although they had seen and heard from everyone about all the miracles Jesus had performed, it was not enough for them. They wanted their own "proof" from God that Jesus was truly who he said he was. The Pharisees did not actually want a sign, they wanted to discredit Jesus in front of other people. Ironically, the one sign Jesus wanted from them was a genuine heart change. The Pharisees refused to believe in the son of God standing right before them. As a sign of judgement, Jesus left them. Brothers and sisters, we cannot convince anyone to turn from their sin and trust in Christ. We can show them evidence (and we should), reason with them, and share the gospel, but only God can save them. Pray for the Max in your life and keep sharing the gospel with them!

PRAYER: God, use me to point others to the truth of Your gospel. Help me trust in You each day for satisfaction. Please open the eyes of my lost friends and family and save them.

TOMORROW'S READING: Mark 9

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