

Fixing Your Eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 12:2 *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.*

We have celebrated Christmas. We have observed the Last Sunday of the Year.

Now look for a word from the Lord for the **first Sunday of the year.**

Think of some examples!

The shepherds. It wasn't enough to see the angels. They wanted to see the one who sent the angels. They said, "*Let's go.... Let's see*" (Luke 2:15,).

The Magi wanted to **see** Jesus. It wasn't enough to see the light **over** Bethlehem; they had to see the Light **of** Bethlehem.

Simeon, served in the temple. He had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he saw the Christ promised by the Lord" (Luke 2:26). And **seeing Jesus** was enough. Now he was ready to die. **With my own eyes I've seen your salvation"** (Luke 2:29–30 MSG,).

Whether they came from the **pasture** or the **palace**, whether they lived in the **temple** or among the **sheep**, whether their gift was of **gold** or honest **surprise** ... **they were welcomed.**

The examples continue.

1. The men beside the River

Consider John and Andrew. When they saw him, they left John the Baptist and followed Jesus. "*Rabbi,*" they asked, "*where are you staying?*" (John 1:38).

2. The man at his work.

Matthew was converted at work.

He was at work the day he saw Jesus. "Follow me," the Master said, and Matthew did. And in the very next verse we find Jesus sitting at Matthew's dining room table. (Matt. 9:10).

3. The man in the crowd.

Zacchaeus was small, so small he couldn't see over the crowd that lined the street the day Jesus came to Jericho.

So he went out on a limb. He climbed up a tree to see Jesus.

4. The search.

Hebrews 11:6: "*God ... rewards those who earnestly seek him*" AV "*He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*".

Be diligent in your search.

Be hungry in your quest,

Be relentless in your pilgrimage.

5. The reward.

God rewards those who seek *him*.

Not those who seek doctrine or religion or systems or creeds.

But the reward goes to those who settle for nothing less than Jesus himself.

2Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

12Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. 13"Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

In 2010, can you think of a greater gift than to be like Jesus?