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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1607 ~ Jesus with the Teachers.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

Each country around the world has its own traditions. Individual families also can follow certain things done by the previous generations of their relatives. These traditions or customs can be good, like certain foods served at celebrations. But when a tradition no longer seems to be appropriate, it's dropped or the government makes a certain practice illegal. A bad tradition like binding the feet of Chinese girls so their feet were tiny but they couldn't walk properly was finally stopped by the authorities.

Some religious groups have traditions placed at the same level of value as the Holy Scriptures. In 2nd Timothy, Chapter 3, it says: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." It is not right to give traditions the same value and attention as God's Holy Word. Over time, traditions can have legend status but they may tell only part of a story.

Around 50 years ago, a famous man was assassinated and the cause he championed was given an amazing amount of publicity. The media built him up to be a super hero. Years later, however, when it was possible to look at his private life, the man was found to be an alcoholic who had cheated on his wife with so many other women that all who found out these details were disgusted. But his name still lives on as a legend for some people. Can you see why traditions and legends do not compare favourably with the words of the Lord Jesus?

Jesus never told a lie or committed any sin at all. His and the apostles' teaching should be given the very last word on all matters of faith and practice.

There are some things in life we shouldn't leave to trial and error, for the price of a mistake is far too high. That's the way it is with our beliefs about the meaning of life and our choices between right and wrong. Much is at stake, and the full consequences of our actions may not be seen until it is too late. The only guide any person can fully trust is the Bible.

An elderly man wrote a book about his life. In it he said: "When I became a Christian, I lived in New York City and I did feel lonely! I had to give up the crowd I was running with and form new friendships. I was advised by the man who led me to Christ to read the Bible. After business hours, I would go to my room and read my Bible for often hours at a time."

"Though I didn't understand all I read, and still don't, I did understand a lot. It made me feel that I was not alone, that I had a dear Friend who cared for me. Today I read the same identical verses and chapters I read then.

Although I have read many of them hundreds of times, they are, I believe, sweeter today than they were then. What other book can one read with such results?"

The boy Jesus at Jerusalem for his first Passover also showed that He had spent many hours learning and thinking about the Scriptures.

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When the Passover ceremonies were finished, it was time for the people to make the journey back to their homes. Jesus wanted to talk with the learned men who taught in the Temple. He soon found that their teaching wasn't very clear and gave importance to their own beliefs alongside those of the Scriptures. Jesus' own knowledge of the Scriptures made Him able to ask searching questions that challenged their understanding. If the religious leaders had given it any thought, they could have remembered that it was about 12 years before that the Wise Men of the East had visited Jerusalem, looking for the newborn prince who would become the King of the Jews. Everything since then had seemed to go back to a normal way of life and any thoughts of the Messiah's coming had long faded away.

When the Lord Jesus was 30 years old and had started His public preaching ministry, He confronted the teachers of the law and the scribes about their traditions. Their traditions caused people to neglect God's Law because they were keeping the scribes' traditions instead. Religious traditions had become more important than God's Word. Jesus then made it quite clear in Mark's Gospel, Chapter 7, that the Pharisees and scribes were hypocrites in their hearts about God and indeed, false teachers. They pretended to have public standards and beliefs which, however, were contrary to their real behaviour and what was in their hearts.

The Apostle Peter said in his 2nd book of Peter, Chapter 2: "False prophets appeared in the past among the people, and in the same way false teachers will appear among you. They will bring in destructive, untrue doctrines and will deny the Master who redeemed them, and so they will bring upon themselves sudden destruction." We are warned to be careful so that we don't become deceived by untruth.

In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 24, the Lord Jesus made predictions: "False Messiahs and false prophets will appear; they will perform great miracles and wonders in order to deceive even God's chosen people, if possible." Learning what the Bible says keeps us from being drawn into error.

In modern times, everyone seems to be so busy that they can't spend a reasonable amount of time reading the Bible. If this is your case, it's time to take a look at what really is most important in your life. Is gaining Bible knowledge worth giving up watching your favourite TV show? Yes, it is! Is getting God's guidance through reading His Word more desired than being the best sports person in town? Yes, it is! Is the Lord Jesus really your Lord? Or are you like those teachers of the Law and scribes who put self-interest first and then pretended that they were doing God's work? Now is the time to make a review of your life! One day people who behaved like the Pharisees and scribes will stand before the Lord Jesus to be judged. It's recorded in Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 7 that these types of people will tell God on Judgement Day about all the good works they did for God while alive on earth. But they will be rejected as unfit for heaven because they didn't follow God's way or know Jesus' salvation truly in their hearts.

Many years ago in Montreal Canada, a woman of the Roman Catholic belief obtained a Bible. When her priest visited her, he tried to persuade her not to read it. When that didn't work, the priest offered to buy it from her. At first, the woman was unwilling to sell it but finally agreed on a price of \$25. He paid the money and left her house in triumph with the Bible. No sooner than he was out of sight, the woman got ready and went into Montreal to the Bible shop. She purchased new Bibles for herself and her neighbours. Some people can't be convinced to read the Bible and some can't be convinced that they can live without reading it.

A Pacific island chieftain sat peacefully reading the Bible, when he was interrupted by a French trader. The trader said in French, "Why are you reading the Bible? I suppose the missionaries have got hold of you, you poor fool. Throw it away! The Bible never did anybody any good." The chieftain calmly replied, "If it wasn't for this Bible, you'd be in my cooking pot right now!"

Many Christians tell how reading the Bible has made a difference in their lives. The Bible exists to bring us to the Lord Jesus Christ. Then the Bible becomes the standard by which every idea and spiritual thought is checked. The influence of the Bible in restraining sin and promoting righteousness is one of the evidences that it is a supernatural and divine revelation. Those who want to get the best out of it need to trust God's Holy Spirit to reveal its meanings to help us to understand it.

A woman once delivered a lecture in England against Christianity. She declared that the gospel narrative of the life of Christ is a "myth." One of the mill hands who listened to her obtained permission to ask a question.

"The question that I want to ask the lady is this: Thirty years ago I was a curse to this town, and every respectable person shrank from me. I often tried to do better but couldn't succeed.

The teetotallers got hold of me but I broke the pledge so often that they said it was no use trying to change me any longer. Then the police got hold of me and I was taken before the magistrate and the wardens of the prison. They all tried to change me in vain. Then Christ took hold of me, touched my heart and made me a new man. Now I am an honoured and respected fellow worker in Gospel and Sunday school work with many dear to me.

And I ask, if Christ is a myth, how is it that this myth is stronger than all the others put together?" The lecturer was silent. "No," he said, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation."

We need to remember the words in Colossians Chapter 2, verse 8: "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition ... and not according to Christ."

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