

## *The Curiosity That Leads To Faith*

*“Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto Him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest Thou?” (John 1:38).*

We have often heard the proverb, “Curiosity killed the cat!” Cats are very curious creatures whose investigative habits sometimes endanger their lives. Of course, the idea is that if we are too interested in that which is not for us to know, or too inquisitive about matters not our own, we could be in danger. In this light, curiosity can create unnecessary problems for us and put us in harm’s way.

Well, curiosity may eventually kill the cat, but it will not kill faith. In fact, it is very good for seekers of light to be curious about divine matters. Jesus encouraged the curiosity that sought after Him. He said, “If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself” (John 7:17). In this scene, when two individuals were so curious about Christ that they asked, “Where dwellest Thou?” He did not evade them, or change the subject. Rather, He answered, “Come and see” (1:39).

These men had been pointed to Christ through the preaching of John the Baptist. His message was, “Behold the Lamb of God” (1:36). Although they left John and started following Jesus, it appears that they had not come to genuine faith in Christ. They followed Him, but with questions and investigations. Instead of destroying faith, however, their curiosity was the curiosity that leads to faith.

*The curiosity that leads to faith recognizes Christ’s greatness!* The individuals in this scene did not merely look at Jesus as just another person. “They said unto Him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest Thou?” An honest heart cannot read the Bible and mock Christ. He is the Teacher of truth! He is the Healer of bodies! He is the Commander of devils! He is the Savior of sinners!

*The curiosity that leads to faith experiences Christ’s receptiveness!* Jesus responded to these seekers by simply inviting them into His world. “Come and see” (1:39), He said. The Lord Jesus is very open to investigative hearts. He has nothing to hide. He already knows your heart. He sees your sincere interest in knowing the truth, and He welcomes you to come to Him. He is receptive to genuine interest.

*The curiosity that leads to faith discovers Christ’s blessedness!* When these two men “came and saw where He dwelt,” they “abode with Him that day: for it was about the tenth hour” (1:39). They found His presence to be so wonderful, they stayed with Him throughout the day. Dear friend, do you really want to know the truth about Jesus? Oh, may you “seek the Lord” and “feel after Him” for He is “not far from every one of us” (Acts 17:27).