

TALES FROM THE CRYPT?

hearing from James,
the Son of Joseph,
the Brother of Jesus.

Part 4: The Incredible Skulk

INTRODUCTION – You Wouldn't Like Me When I'm Angry

CHAPTER 1: The only good religion is a _____ religion.
CHAPTER 2: Faith is active _____, not blind belief.
CHAPTER 3: Words are _____.

Envy, Anger, & Murder – James 4

OBSERVATION #1: The war between us is a result of the war _____ us.

Galatians 5:22-24
Matthew 5:21-22
1 John 3:15

TAKE OUT: Live like everything you are and have is for the _____.

Philippians 2:3-4
2 Timothy 2:22

OBSERVATION #2: The devil is strong, but we are _____.

TAKE OUT: Refuse _____ Embrace _____.

OBSERVATION #3: Self-centredness will lead to _____.
Other-centredness will replace our anger with _____.

Galatians 2:20

OBSERVATION #4: Dead men don't wear _____.

Hebrews 13:5
Colossians 3:1-5

TAKE OUT: Go _____ the Buddha, from detachment to death.

Peter's Audition For The Role Of Dr. David Banner

Matthew 26:31, 51-54

CONCLUSION – Welcome To The Grave Yard

Romans 6:4; 12:1-2; Galatians 5:34; Colossians 2:12

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged you.
LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. In 4:4, James calls self-centred Christ-followers "adulteresses" (NASB). The Greek is feminine, emphasizing our infidelity as the wayward bride of Yahweh. This would raise a common biblical image in the minds of his first-century readers. See God's imagery of sexual infidelity and deep pain in Exodus 43:11-17; Isaiah 54:5-6; Jeremiah 2:20, 23-24; 3:1, 6-13, 20-4:2; Ezekiel 16:6-38, 60-63; 23:1-21; Hosea 3:1; 9:1.

- a) What are your first impressions after reading over these passages?
- b) In what positive ways is our relationship with God like a marriage?
- c) How can we be spiritually "unfaithful" to God today?
- d) How does our spiritual infidelity affect God?
- e) What notes of hope can be found among these passages?

SO WHAT? ...

- 5. In what ways are you most tempted to break your marriage covenant with God? (Also note James 4:17.)
- 6. Read again Jeremiah 3:22-4:2 and pray for each other accordingly.

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