

He Was Born...What's Next?

John 1:6-18

Robert Thomas, missionary to China, knew that Korea had no gospel witness. He took Chinese Bibles with him to Korea and traveled by boat. While nearing Korea, his ship was attacked. He was able to reach the shore, Bibles in hand. As he encountered the Korean soldiers, he thrust the Bibles into their hands. They, in turn, thrust their swords into him, killing him. He died as a _____ of Jesus Christ, attempting to bring the light to a darkened culture.

I. The Light's _____

Have you ever been an official _____ for something? Sometimes the _____ of an individual can prove or disprove a matter. Scripture reveals that John the Baptist was such a witness. His witness was about _____, as ours must be. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, a English pastor a generation ago, once commented "we are very ready to talk about our doctors, to praise the man who healed us; we talk about business which is better than others, about films/actors and a thousand other things. We are always glorifying people but the _____ is to be praising and glorifying _____.

John the Baptist was not that great _____. He was a _____ and a _____ doesn't shine with its own _____. It requires a power source.

II. The Light's _____

John the Baptist was __ light but not __ light. Jesus was the _____ light. That word denotes the idea of something that is _____ or _____. There is only _____ true light that can show us the truth about God and _____.

This light gives light to _____. We'd call this _____ revelation. God has even placed within us a _____. This will inform us by virtue of what we feed it.

Imagine if you had the chance to meet a president, your favorite one and he said to you "please call me Donald, please call me Joe." Only very select individuals have that prerogative. Everyone else? Mr. President.

Notice this privilege as well is not based on income, race, your will or your morality.

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III. The One True Light and the _____

Darkness seems to be gaining ground around the world. It certainly seemed to conquer Robert Thomas. After all, he died on that Korean shore, alone. That beach, that day, was indeed a _____ place.

After they had killed the missionary, the soldiers did pick up those Bibles. Some kept them, read, them and..... Christianity eventually displaced _____ there. South Korea actually now sends missionaries to other countries.

There was a young man, Oh In Ho, what came to the United States for university studies just after the Korean War. He enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania. One night Oh In Ho was murdered by a group of teenagers on the streets. His parents were different than most. They were fully devoted followers of Jesus. So, how did they respond to their son's death? They raised hundreds of dollars and sent it to America with the request that their son's murderers be told of their _____ and that the money be used to send these violent young

people to a Christian school, hoping they would come to Christ.

While millions celebrated the coming of the One True Light on Friday, He continues to be rejected and ignored by millions as well.

You know, the millions are indeed important but so is _____? _____?

Today, commit to reflect Him in the face of persecution, reflect Him in your job, reflect Him at your school, just reflect the One Who has redeemed you from the slavery of sin and has put your feet on solid ground.

This world continues to reject and replace Him with false substitutes, but He continues to make Himself know through people like you and me.