

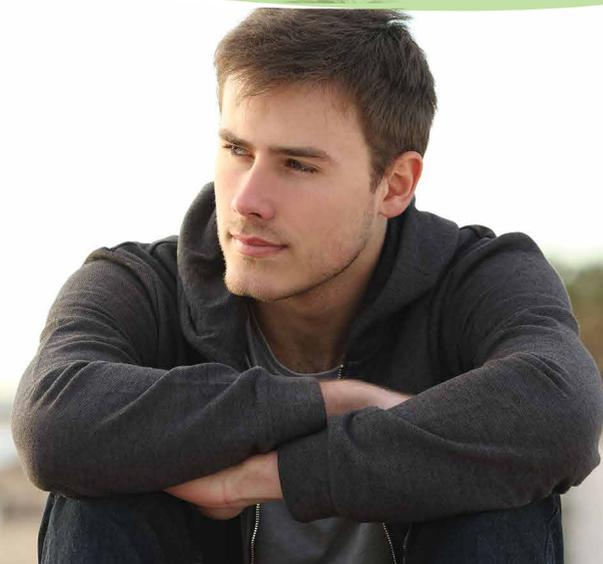
Messages of hope

Through these uncertain times,
many have questioned,

Is Jesus real?

Eric found the Messages of Hope video
on YouTube called, "Is Jesus Real?"

Eric shared his confronting story with us:



"My brother and I went to grab a bite to eat at Subway last week. While in line waiting for service, he inadvertently said the Lord's name in vain out loud in the context of a joke. And although he doesn't believe in God, he would never speak ill about God or any religion out loud on purpose, out of complete respect for those that do believe. ... Just as he realized that he had said this probably much too loud, a couple were standing in line behind us and easily overheard his remarks.

Let's just say they took offense to it, and they proceeded to explain that they were God-fearing Christians, who has gone to church every week for their 'entire lives'. ... The wife said that "people like you are disgusting and vile creatures that deserves to burn in Hell for eternity." Then, without skipping a beat, the husband jumped in and demanded we two "Evil Idiots" apologize immediately! I told them that had they NOT come at us in the manner in which they did, that I would apologize! ... I share this story because I see this happening by you Christians everywhere I go! You name-call and judge and are downright nasty, when you are supposed to be the exact opposite as per the 'Good Book!'"

Comments like this are confronting but are a good reminder for us to share the good news and hope of Jesus, rather than judgement and condemnation. As St Paul says,

I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

We shared the love of Jesus' with Eric and are praying for him, his brother and the couple. You can watch the video and read the conversation on the "Is Jesus Real?" video at www.youtube.com/messagesofhope.

Many people have not heard the good news of Jesus Christ and his sacrificial love for us. Join with us to share Jesus' message of hope.

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