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### Only God can Judge Me

I couldn't help noticing a very large tattoo that extended from this man's shoulder all the way to his elbow. It was loud and it was a bold witness! I had to ask this man what made him put this huge cross tattoo on his forearm and have the words "Only God Can" over the top of the cross and "Judge Me" under the bottom of it. So I walked up to him and said, "I like your cross tattoo....what does it mean to you?" He was a bit startled at my question. He acted like he forgot it was there and then replied, "Oh... yeah, thanks, I got that when I was young." "Really", I replied, "What made you put those very words over and under the cross as you did?" I curiously asked. "I was tired of people judging me all the time and I realized that God is the only true judge. So... I had this tattoo put on my forearm to remind me that it doesn't matter what people say, only what God says." I was amazed at his words and the story that he so vividly explained to me of the difficulties he had dealing with people who criticized him years ago. I asked him, "Do you still believe that God is the only true judge in your life?" He quickly replied, "Yes I do." "That's very true!" I replied, "And God does judge rightly every time because He is a Just Judge. He judges between righteousness and wickedness and sent His Son Jesus Christ to become the judgment for our sins. That's why it is very important that we understand that God will judge lovingly and with great mercy....but He *must* judge us for our sins or He is not actually a Just Judge!" This forty-year-old man was taken back by our conversation and he erupted, "Yes, I understand what you are saying!" "Have you ever asked Jesus Christ to be the Savior of your sins?" I asked him. "No, I haven't done that yet in my life." he replied. "When you do, you will experience God's great love and mercy. Jesus will have taken your judgment and paid for it upon the cross. It is the most beautiful experience that can ever be enjoyed on this earth!" I exclaimed. "Ok," he said, "I will think about all that we have talked about today. Thank you for reminding me about what the cross really means." He walked away with a smile....and so did I!



### Wells Fargo Bank "Hold Up"



As I walked into Wells Fargo Bank to make a deposit I was surprised to be greeted immediately by a woman just inside the door. She was an employee of the bank and said to me (as she pointed to three tellers that sat at their stations) "Welcome, you have three tellers to chose from this morning." I looked where she was pointing and sure enough three tellers were waiting at their stations, each with a smile on their face. I looked around the bank and I was the only customer in the whole bank! (What an opportunity, I thought) So, I walked up to the three tellers and said, "I have three of you to choose from, and you all are equally the same... That reminds me of something very important." "What is that?" Teller number two asked. "It reminds me of God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit." I replied. I took out my credit card and showed it to

teller number one and asked her, "Tell me what you see?" "I see a picture of a very happy couple." She said. "What else?" I asked. She looked closer and after a few seconds said, "uhhmm... OH, I see Jesus!" (My visa credit card permitted me to put a picture of Tina and I on it with a large Jesus sign in the background) I gave this same test to the other two tellers as they each looked at my credit card picture. One of them could only see our portrait, but the background "Jesus" sign was oblivious to her. When I pointed out the Jesus sign to her in the background she realized what she was missing. "You see I said, we must look past people in order to see Jesus!" "Yes, that's right!" teller number one spoke out loudly. "But," I continued, "The name of Jesus does bring an offence to many." Before I could continue further teller number two said, "I don't think so, why would anyone ever get offended at the name of Jesus?" "Really?" I replied, "This world we live in today vehemently opposes God's ways." "I don't think so." She replied. "Ok," I said....let's see! With such a wonderful opportunity at hand, I turned around in the bank and started preaching a message of repentance. (You would have thought that I was doing a "hold-em-up robbery, The looks on all the employees faces in all the offices that were in the connecting rooms from within the foray were shocked) I ended my short preaching message with, "Only Jesus can set us free from our sins and make us right before God Almighty." Then I turned back to teller number two and she replied, "OK, I see what you mean." I pointed to the three cameras that were above the tellers on the wall and said, "You that are recording this, listen to what was said about God's Son Jesus Christ today." Teller number one giggled as she took my deposit amount, gave me a receipt and then said, "Thank you, it was a pleasure serving you today!"

*We are now back in London. We came back to a flooded cellar! So we have a lot of work to do for a few weeks. Please pray for us in this blessed trial and for rest to our bodies. God is a good God!*

Thank you for your prayers and sacrifices toward us,

We love you!

Steve and Tina



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