

JESUS WILL REVEAL HIMSELF IF YOU ARE SEEKING HIM BUT AT HIS RIGHT TIME!

I. Never doubt that Jesus' purpose in dealing with you is to save you

A. Joseph's mindset was to reconcile with his brothers (45:4-10)

B. This is even more in the heart of God as revealed in Jesus Christ: 2 Cor. 5:20

1. You can know what Joseph's brothers did not know!

2. Meditate upon Is. 55:8-9; Acts 3:26; Luke 15:10

II. But Jesus knows when is the best time to reveal Himself to you

A. Joseph tried his brothers for their spiritual profit (42:21, 28c; 44:16-17)

B. As Joseph dealt with his brothers, even more will Jesus deal with seekers

1. Though His heart rejoices when He sees you seek Him, He commonly waits to answer: Ps. 40:1-3

2. Yet He commonly waits to reveal Himself till the right time arrived

C. If God remains silent upon your cries, He is speaking: *search!*

III. But when it is the right time, Jesus will reveal Himself to you

A. Only Jesus knows and decides *when* it is the right time to reveal Himself

1. He does it *privately and personally*: 45:1

2. He does it *through the Spirit and His Word*: John 14:21; 26

3. He may do it *gradually* (Malachi 4:2) or *at once* (Luke 19:9)

B. What is the message Jesus reveals through His Word and Spirit?

1. Acts 3:26; 4:11-12; 5:30-32; Luke 24:47

God's Gospel is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance:

THERE IS FORGIVENESS FOR THE GREATEST AND THE WORST!



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AS YOU ARE WAITING ...

1. If people have hurt you, why is it so hard to forgive them?
2. What would make it easier to forgive?
3. Can you finish Jesus' promise?
*Ask and you shall _____,
 _____ and you shall find,
 _____ and it shall be _____
 unto you!*

AS YOU ARE LISTENING ...

4. How do we know that Joseph was longing to tell his brothers who he was?
5. Sometimes God waits to answer our prayers. Why would He do that?
6. People say that Jesus spoke to them. But how can Jesus speak to us when He is in heaven? Where would you go to hear Him?

AFTER YOU HAVE LISTENED ...

7. Ask your parents what they have learned from the sermon. Then tell them what you learned!
8. Read Proverbs 2:1-5. Solomon compared a 'seeker of God' to a miner who searches for gold or silver.
 - a. Write down the words he uses to describe *how* we are to seek God.
 - b. Thinking again about the miner and the difficulty of finding these treasures. What are the difficulties we may meet with in seeking God.
 - c. Make a picture of Proverbs 2:1-5 to hang next to your bed as a reminder!