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-Jesus, Son of God

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The something is the message of Christ

- Compare to parable of the pearl merchant. Matt 13:45-46
- Paul calls the Scriptures 'holy' in Rom 1:2 and 2 Tim 3:15

2 Tim 3:16 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"

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HOW CAN WE TELL WHEN SOMEONE WON'T APPRECIATE THE MESSAGE?

Look at when Jesus didn't waste His time – Matt 21:23f

He also gives us a hint at the character we are looking for in Matt 7:7-11.

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SENT MESSENGERS

“And how shall they preach **unless they are sent**? As it is written:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” (Rom 10:15)

THOUGHTFUL RECEIVERS

“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.” (Acts 17:11)

Compare this to Acts 17:1-5 and the jealous Jews!

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So how do you find people looking for truth?

1. Ask questions

2. Encourage them to ask you questions

3. Be okay with moving on (Jesus did!)

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