

QA: Why Aren't More Converted to Christ? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Why aren't more people converted to Jesus Christ?

ANSWER: Probably because they are waiting for "many other things" not written in the Bible.

And with **many such parables** He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples. (Mark 4:33- 34).

<u>1. There's a lot of speculation on what isn't in the Bible.</u>

Mark Twain said, "It ain't the parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand."

Jesus plainly stated:

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16)

No one can miss what Jesus has said. People who disobey don't stop at one thing:

For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men — the washing of pitchers and cups, and **many other such things** you do. (Mark 7:8)

<u>2. What Other Spoken Words?</u> There are about 50 recorded Parables:

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And with *many other exhortations* [John the Baptist] preached to the people. (Luke 3:18)

There's no doubt much oral teaching is not written in Scripture. Therefore it was helpful then, but not necessary for us to have our faith!

3. What Other Miracles?

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these are written** that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:30-31)

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, **many believed** in **His** name when they saw the signs which He did. (John 2:23)

There's no doubt many miracles are not written, but they are not necessary for us to have our faith!

4. Some People There Were Unconvinced.

But although He had done **so many signs** before them, they did not believe in Him. (John 12:37)

And *many other things* they blasphemously spoke against Him. (Luke 22:65)

5. Whatever Jesus Explained To (And Through) His Apostles Is All We Need To Know.

And there are also **many other things that Jesus did**, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. (John 21:25)

And with *many other words* he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." (Acts 2:40)

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