

Yard Sale Treasure

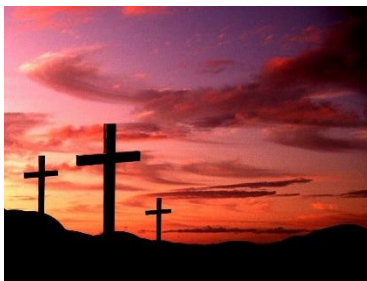
A yard sale is an opportunity to discard items from around the house that we no longer value. We display clothes that no longer fit, old furniture, and gadgets that have been replaced with newer technology. Sometimes we include dishes we inherited from our ancestors, not really knowing their value today. Items are priced well below their original value just to get them out of our house.

Sometimes, we know an item is valuable but no longer needed. Often, items that don't sell are given to Goodwill, Next Step Ministries, or some other charitable organization. In any case, we no longer want them. They are rejected because they no longer have value to us.

On the other hand, customers are hoping to find that "gem," or perhaps a real deal at a good price.

Jesus was rejected by the religious leaders of His time, and later crucified by the Roman government. They didn't see his value. And yes, they were jealous of his popularity with the people. However, in time, Jesus was rejected by the people because he didn't meet their expectations as a powerful "king" that would overthrow their oppressors. Other than His followers, none saw his worth. And yet, He was chosen by God and was precious to the Father. (Read 1 Peter 2:4 below).

Jesus is the priceless gem that is valuable to those who choose Him as their Lord and Savior. Jesus is the priceless gift of forgiveness of our sins that leads to salvation and eternal life to believers. Jesus instructs and models a new way of life that is different than what the world embraces. You will never find a more valuable gift than to know the Savior.



Are you the shopper, not only looking for a bargain, but seeking that special gem? Salvation is a free gift from God, and is precious.

The Bible Says: *Come to (Jesus), the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him. (1 Peter 2:4).*

Closing Prayer: Dear Lord. Not everyone understands how precious is your love for us. It is priceless. Let us be a beacon of your love and share it with those around us. Amen.

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