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Did Jesus Speak Nonsense?

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You'd think Jesus talked a lot of nonsense because of how much he said is ignored or skipped over by believers today

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Many focus on his life, death and resurrection, but his words...“Who can understand it?”

John 6:60

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You can focus too much on what he did, and not enough on what he said

Jesus constantly talked in parables so his listeners wouldn't understand, but his mission was to tell everyone about the arrival of The Kingdom.

Believers today miss his emphasis.

Some words of Jesus seem to make no sense at all.

That's the definition of nonsense.





But did he speak any nonsense?

You'd think so, because believers skip over a lot of what he said because it makes no sense to them.

This should not be the case.



Even some of Jesus' followers deserted him when they didn't understand what he was saying.

John 6: 53-66

Here's an example of a couple of things that Jesus said which we ignore today – treating them as nonsense because of our ignorance

“We read, 'The eye is the lamp of the body...' Then, as if this was not confusing enough, Jesus adds: 'So, if your eye is healthy (ἀπλοῦς) your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad (πονηρὸς), your whole body will be full of darkness'. →



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“First, let’s talk about the ‘The eye is the lamp of the body.’ Modern people, like you and I, think of the eye as a window that allows light into the body.

Ancient Jews, however, thought that the eye was the origin of light (something of a flashlight). →

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“In other words, everything in your life depends on how you see things.

Someone put it this way: 'It is your attitude, not your aptitude, that determines your altitude'. →

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“Our second insight concerns the meaning of the 'healthy eye' versus 'evil eye'.

A better translation should be 'a single-minded eye' versus 'lustful eye'. Jesus is using these terms metaphorically. →

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“A man with a 'single-minded eye' looks at a God-given path alone! God's word becomes the guiding light (Psalm 119:105).

But the one with 'the lustful eye' gets distracted and greedy by looking at the possessions of others. As envy takes root, generosity dies. Then darkness settles in.”

So, did Jesus talk a lot of nonsense?

**You be the judge by what you
ignore of what he said**



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