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--President Wright

Scripture lesson: John 7, Verses 32-44

Human beings are the most interesting animals I have ever studied; and the more I study the Bible the more interesting human beings are, today, and the more I am convinced that they aren't very different from human being two thousand years ago. We have preconceived ideas of how things ought to be; we devise a scheme for things and if they don't follow our scheme we get the idea that they are all wrong. I know a good woman--one of the best,-- who won't eat certain things she has never tasted because she has formed an idea of the way they will taste. The Jews had arranged a program for the Messiah, the Christ, and had a schedule almost completely worked out for Him, and here came a person doing wonders such as the world had never seen or heard of before and a number of Jews began to question very seriously if this were not Christ. When they brought the question into Jerusalem those who were supposed to be informed said, Can any such thing come out of Gallilee? They didn't look up His place of birth--that ended it with them. When He did miracle after miracle until some of them were sure that He was the Christ they shook their heads and said, No, this is not according to schedule. Again, they dismissed the idea that He was the Christ saying, Can any good come out of Nazareth?

I wonder if we do not have the same prejudices? Prejudices against people, locations, certain names? We are just like they used to be and neither one of us is like we ought to be. This is worth thinking about because we want to learn to be open minded. It pays, for your own advancement.