

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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For many years, I viewed the Bible as a wonderful spiritual guide. It had memorable stories and eternal principles, but the people, events and places were not real to me. That all changed when our leader on a study trip to Israel, exclaimed forcefully, *“The Bible has real people, in real places, and real times.”*

The key that opened my interest was a reference to the “Galilee of the Nations”. He explained the area we know as Israel was a land bridge for three continents: Europe, Africa and Asia. This tiny area less than 75 miles East to West and 200 miles North to South, was centered as the hub of the known world. It was perfectly positioned to radiate God’s message to all the earth as the trade routes crisscrossed through Israel for centuries.

Jesus taught around the Sea of Galilee and destined the area to become famous. People come here to view and to study as they await the final battle of Armageddon a few miles to the south and look forward to His second coming as King of Kings.

When the places in the Bible became real to me, it helped the people and the events also become real. And as they become real, the Bible—and Jesus’ return—no longer seem so distant in time and space and reality.

Hopefully, many of you can visit the Holy Land during your lifetime. But if not, modern technology can make it almost as real. And it surely helps when the Bible becomes real and reliable—not just a nice group of platitudes to make us feel good.

From Grandpa With Love

A Note From the Writer

Moving into my nineties caused me to reminisce. It was eye-opening to realize how much I had been changed by one-liners. I decided some of these might give others a new insight or a chuckle, so—enjoy! You can reproduce this material, provided the copies are complete, including this copyright note, and circulated free of charge. © 2018 Marvin J. Martin