

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



FAIRY VILLAGE OR GNOME'S GRAVEYARD

It is often said, "It's in the perception of...."

There they stood, "sort of white" emerging from the lawn of the magnificent Adelaide Road linear park. From a distance, the imagination of a very young granddaughter could say, "Look! A fairy village!". While another's not so fanciful musing might decide, "Graveyard for gnomes". Of course, as you walk closer, and with the benefit of age, experience and common sense, they are obviously, "Toadstools".

"Perception" plays a large part in understanding "a reality".

So what about Jesus?

When you think about Jesus, the man talked about in the Bible, what is your perception of Him? Was he only a good bloke who went around demonstrating love in action to those he met along his path of life?

Want to know the "reality" of Jesus? Read what those who knew Him and lived around the same time wrote about him, namely Matthew Mark, Luke and John. Their

writings are the first four books of The New Testament in the second half of the Bible.

Jesus once asked his close followers (disciples), "What are people saying about who I am? They replied, "Some say, "John the Baptizer, some say, Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 8:27-29)

Some thought (perceived) that because of the unique things (miracles) and things he said, he was one of the special men of God (prophets) who had come back to life.

Peter, through his special and close relationship with Jesus, knew the reality of Jesus. Peter knew because of what he had seen; lives changed for good, illness cured, storms calmed, sight restored, what he had heard, his talks with Jesus, all joined with the working of a God-given faith; Peter knew and could recognise the reality of Jesus, The Son of the living God".

The closer the reality of your life, through learning about Him, talking to Him (some call it prayer), listening to what He tells you, the more real Jesus will become in your life. You will know and enjoy the reality of His love, His care, His power, His forgiveness, all of which brings a newer reality to your life. Jesus is now saying, "Who do you say that I am?" What is your answer?

God bless you, *Kevin*.