

Letter: Remember that Christian means 'Christ Like'

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The last time I was at the post office, I overheard a conversation behind me that Jesus was doing baptisms at a river near San Diego. According to my knowledge, the Bible states that when the Son of God returns, it will be heard around the world. I don't recall a world-wide trumpet concert. I began to think the person behind me might have been duped.

In 2016, there was a survey that found out 75% of those who consider themselves evangelical Christians never went to church nor read a Bible. It makes sense now when I watch the news about Christians attacking abortion offices, people with darker skin than they have, or those who use pronouns they do not agree with.

"Christian" means "Christ like." These evangelicals may not know that Jesus hung out with thieves and prostitutes. He spent time with the broken to show God's love and acceptance. The Bible makes it clear that we are not to judge others and leave it to God; we do not know a person's past or what's in someone's heart.

Did Jesus get mad? Of course. He chastised the Pharisees for being hypocrites. For those who don't know, these were the religious leaders. Let's put these two thoughts together: Jesus loved those the community ejected and argued with the leaders the community accepted and trusted. The only time we see Jesus get angry was when he drove out the money changers from the temple. To look at it another way, He didn't like people using the church to make a profit.

I'm not trying to preach; this isn't a sermon. We are told to have our peace in God but I just see so much hate and anger from those in the Christian community and it worries me.

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