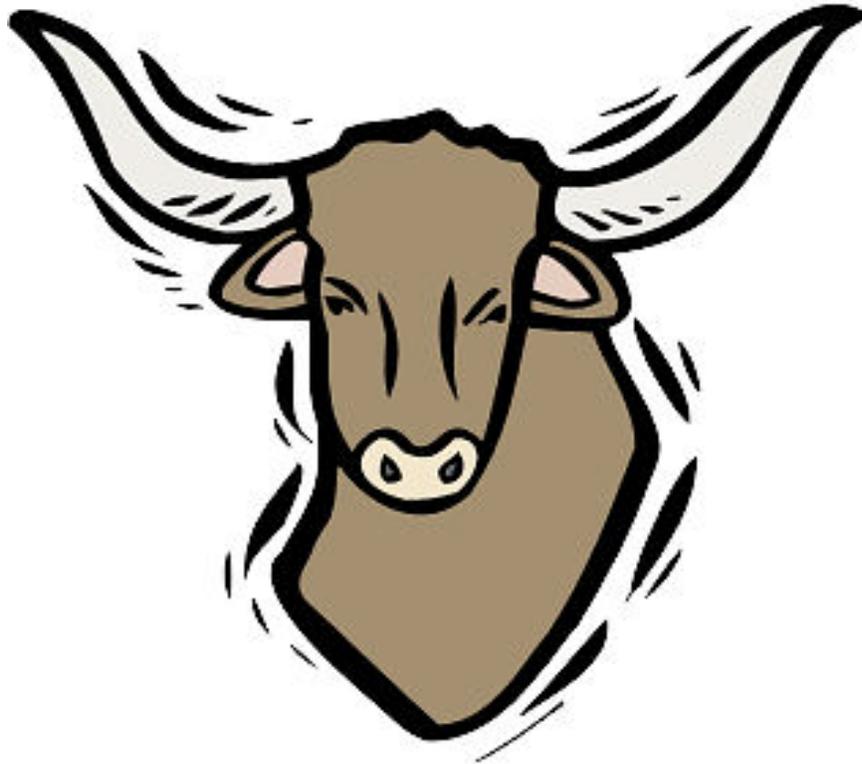


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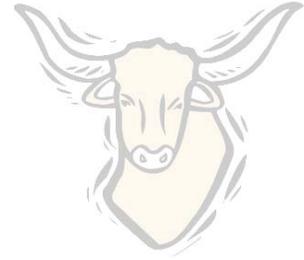
*Arena/Chapel Message #4 or
Suitable as Stand-Alone Brief Message*

The REAL Deal

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Props:

- † Cold Can of Coca Cola; Cold Can of a very off-brand Cola that you know will be flat.
- † Wear a pair of chaps.

Suggested Illustration:

- † In Arena or Chapel Setting simply have the campers gather round or sit to teach the brief lesson. Wear chaps.
- † Have the two colas and small cups ready to pour out the colas for a taste test.

Reference: *Revelation 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.*

Notes:

Arena and Chapel Messages naturally are handled differently. We have incorporated Sunday Morning Arena messages into our Wrangler Churches for many years and find they are extremely well received by the children and the adults they also attract.

If you are able to do this in an Arena Setting or you must use an inside setup, either way this is a Cowboy Illustration and the culture is conducive to the understanding of the boys and girls we deal with in this culture. If you are not from this culture and have access to someone that is then he/she will be greatly beneficial in explaining the point in this illustration.

Outline:

Ask for some volunteers. Take turns having them taste the colas in a blind taste test. Which is the real deal and which is the off brand of colas?

Indeed it is sometimes easy to spot the real deal in a taste test. But it is not so easy to spot a Real Christian versus a Pseudo Christian.

In fact, many people look into the mirror and can't even spot the real versus the pretender.

Samuel a prophet in the Old Testament had the same issue when trying to pick a King for Israel. He was confused by the outward appearance. God set him straight.

1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

When Jesus walked on the earth in a man's body, most of the people did not recognize Him.

In fact, today, most people do not recognize Him. They substitute who/what they THINK or would like for God to be. But most people do not recognize the Real Deal.

Matthew 7: 13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

When Jesus returns to earth one day however, He will be recognized and everyone will know He is the Real Deal.

Romans 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Philippians 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

When Jesus returns the Bible says He will return on a WHITE HORSE and He will be wearing his leggings.

On them is written down the side [illustrate by using your hand down the side of your chaps]: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.

Conclusion

Are you ready for that day?

The day He returns your choices will have already been made.

The Bible, God's Word says: *2 Corinthians 6: 2a ...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*