

## Jesus is Still Trending

I wrote this several years ago, but this morning I was reminded of it as so many church services have now taken to the internet and other technical ways of meeting. I read about a small church in London that normally has between 130-150 congregants each week, but their church service had been viewed by over 3500 people on Sunday... God is most certainly using this situation for GOOD!! People around the world need Jesus now more than ever... Lets keep the trend going!!

Foreign Policy released a fascinating infographic today, based on a compilation of information from Weibo, China's huge social media platform that functions like Twitter. The graphic suggests that Christian terms are far more popular than their Communist counterparts. The information showed vastly more mentions of God than Chairman Mao, and more of Jesus than President Xi Jinping, who is headlined in state newspapers nearly every day. The regulated Bible, with 17 million hits, shot past the famous and widely-distributed Little Red Book, also known as Quotations from Chairman Mao, which registered so few hits that the data couldn't be displayed. "Christian congregation" garnered 41.8 million hits, while "the Communist Party" registered just 5.3 million...

-Rachel Lynn Aldrich - Taken from World News Group Worldmag.com April 8/2014

PRAISE GOD.... After the last 2000 years Jesus is Still ALIVE and trending today... Just as He was back then...

**The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all.**

Acts of the Apostles 4:33 NLT

The Acts of the Apostles describes the expanding Jesus-movement... In today's language Jesus was clearly trending....

**The disciples were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.**

Acts 2:42 GW

Trending refers to the frequency with which a subject is mentioned... These days it typically is referring to Social media like Google searches or Twitter communications etc...

**Jesus words to us:**

**"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.**

Mark 16:15 NLT

While this use of the word trend is fairly recent... The phenomenon is not... Things become hugely popular and everyone is talking about them... Like beanie babies, Rubik's cube or angry birds to name just a few... But they are usually short lived and soon fade away into history...

**But I thank God, who always leads us in victory because of Christ. Wherever we go, God uses us to make clear what it means to know Christ. It's like a fragrance that fills the air.**

2 Corinthians 2:14 GW

The Book of the Acts records how one man, Jesus, began to trend... The movement wasn't just focused on his death but on his life and resurrection... And the vibrant New life of the people who followed and believed in Him...

**The believers had a single purpose and went to the temple every day. They were joyful and humble as they ate at each other's homes and shared their food.**

Acts 2:46 GW

The fact that Jesus is trending is amazing news... According to internet activity it would seem that Christianity is a lot more popular than Communism in China right now... It is estimated that there are over 150 million Christians in China... That's more Christians than there are in all the USA...

**The Lord's power was with his followers, and a large number of people believed and turned to the Lord.**

Acts 11:21 GW

Jesus is still trending today... The Holy Spirit is still moving more than EVER... The American Religious Identification Survey concluded that in 2008 global Christianity grew by 25,210,195.... THAT IS over 69 000 people finding NEW LIFE in Him EVERYDAY!!!

**At the same time, they praised God and had the good will of all the people. Every day the Lord saved people, and they were added to the group.**

Acts 2:47 GW

There is something beautiful going on all over the world... The same beautiful thing that God started through Jesus and the Apostles 2000 years ago... The Holy Spirit is STILL at work...

**After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.**

Acts of the Apostles 4:31 NLT

That's the wonderful thing about Christianity... The more people try to stamp it out... The more desirous it seems to become... Just like the apostles who were persecuted... Yet they succeeded at starting (and spreading) the trend...

**And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."**

Acts of the Apostles 4:29-30 NLT

My prayer for us today is that we ALL work to keep this ever growing TREND on the move... Keep Jesus name alive and EVER trending... Keep those wonderful stats on the rise just as God wants and is waiting for...

**The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.**

2 Peter 3:9 NLT

**Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name.**

Romans 1:5 NLT

Amen