

My way or no way, Bible Jim preaches to University students

We're all going to Hell. Bible Jim said so. Yes, it's true. There has been another Jim sighting on campus, this time on Monday at noon outside of the EMU. And did Jim have a story to tell.

In case you've never seen Jim in action, you've missed quite a bit. The number one advocate for Christianity that I've ever seen speak, he wears a sign that proclaims the groups of people who need to repent and end their evil ways. You know, the really evil ones, like gays and Mormons. "Pill poppers" and evolutionists too, if you're keeping score. But if anyone asked Jim anything too deep about himself, he'd say that he didn't want to get too personal. Go figure.

Jim even came back armed with his trademark whistle, which he blew whenever he thought he made a good point or if someone else annoyed him. My bet is that he did it for attention. Then again, maybe he did the whole thing for attention. Did he really expect to convert people to Christianity by insulting them all?



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Jim, as he always does, attracted a crowd of more than a hundred people, 99 percent of whom didn't seem to agree with him.

With a guy as strident as Jim, it's hard not to disagree.

Whenever Jim seemed to be stretching for a bit more attention, he asked the crowd which of them actively participated in "sex, drugs, and rock and roll." The crowd would roar. Jim must've thought the University was downright heathen. Then again, by Jim's standards, we probably are.

Jim had a couple other gems. One of my favorites was the statement along the lines of "if you live gay, you will die gay." Yes! Come to think of it, if

you're a male, you'll most likely die a male.

However, Jim and I differ in that he thinks dying gay is a horrible thing. For that matter, dying Mormon or an evolutionist would be equally as traumatic, according to Jim.

I'll give you the bad news right now. If you're name isn't Jim, if you don't exactly live like Jim, and you don't go screaming on the EMU lawn every other term or so, you're going to Hell. You'd better make plans.

Then again, don't think of it as Hell, but as a place where there is no Jim.

It's not that I am totally down on Christianity. Everyone has the right to believe in whatever religion or value system they want to, including Jim. It's just that I don't believe that Jim is the best possible messenger for the cause of Christianity at the University.

Some people at Jim's presentation wanted Jim to leave. That's not right. Jim had just as much right to stand there and yell as anyone else who wants

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to. It's called freedom of speech, and Jim surely knows about that. After all, it wasn't students who caused Jim to abandon his sermon after lunch, but a telling message from his master: rain. Come to think of it, the wind did pick up when Jim revealed that he didn't go to church every Sunday.

Jim seemed to be slightly out of touch with the audience he was so desperately attempting to convert. Perhaps if Jim tried to get to know the people around campus and tried to help them instead of yelling that they would go to Hell and then deafen them with a blast from his whistle, he might get a couple of converts here and there. Then-

again, we'd all miss out on the lunchtime entertainment near the EMU.


Jim said that students on this campus cried themselves to sleep at night because they don't believe like he does. I know that I do because Jim said so, and Jim knows all. Chalk up another zinger for Jim. It's this kind of all-knowing personality that Jim puts across, which makes him seem so obnoxious.

Jim's probably a very nice guy who means very well. However, the way he seems to propagate his opinions isn't quite the most productive way to do it.

The University has not seen the end of Jim. He'll be back someday soon, telling the world what new categories and groups of people will be visiting that great inferno down below. And my chances of falling into a few more categories than I previously thought are increasing.

I guess I won't have to go to the beach to get a tan anytime soon.

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