

**First Baptist Church of Hampton**  
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**April 24, 2022**  
**Sermon Outline Closed Notes:**

**Sermon Scripture:** Luke 19:1 – 10 (GNT)

**Message Title:** Is Your Religion Real?

**Current Context:**

- Religion, in our beloved c\_\_\_\_\_, used to be synonymous with faith-inspired l\_\_\_\_\_ and love!
- Inherent in the word religion, is a unique sense of c\_\_\_\_\_.
- Christian religion at one time stood for a community that would make a few f\_\_\_\_\_ and f\_\_\_\_\_ members gather in a house for several days to wait for the promised Holy Spirit.
- Interestingly, the term r\_\_\_\_\_ no longer holds the grand nostalgia it once held.
- If the church, however, is going to get back to real religion, we must be willing to r\_\_\_\_\_!
  - Because thinking B.I.G.G., helps you find b\_\_\_\_\_!
- In the text Jesus is confronting this struggle to find communal c\_\_\_\_\_ and balance.
  - He has the religious leaders indicating that real religion just means not e\_\_\_\_\_ with sinners; not being s\_\_\_\_\_ with sinners; not knowing sinners, on the one hand...r\_\_\_\_\_ religion is about the don't do's.
  - And then on the other hand he meets Z\_\_\_\_\_, who was not a part of the religious t\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_, but wanted access to Salvation and l\_\_\_\_\_. ...he needed his life changed and challenged by Jesus!

**Relevant Question(s):**

- How do we make sure our religion is real so we can grow in faith?

**Sermon Observations:**

1. You must avoid r\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_!
2. You must avoid r\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_!
3. You must embrace the r\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_!

**Calvary Connection:**

- “Yea though I walk through the a\_\_\_\_\_!”
- On a hill far away, Jesus s\_\_\_\_\_ up; we were lost on our j\_\_\_\_\_, and Jesus showed up; we needed a S\_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus showed up! In an alley called G\_\_\_\_\_, Jesus showed up! On Friday it looked like He wouldn't show up; on Saturday, sin thought it had d\_\_\_\_\_ its best blow...but early on Sunday morning, Jesus s\_\_\_\_\_ up with all power!

**Personal Reflection:**

- How do you know you are growing in faith? What are the signs/markers for you?