

WHY SHOULD WE KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN THIS?

The Great Commission

MATTHEW 28:18-20 (CSB)

Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

GO

We were told to "go".

That is an action verb that indicates forward movement and progress.

MAKE DISCIPLES

A disciple is a student or follower. Making followers of Jesus isn't something that we do all on our own. God does the heavy lifting and the transforming of hearts, but He allows us the chance to join the process by sharing what we know!

ALL NATIONS

Every person we encounter is "eligible" to hear the Gospel. God LOVES every demographic. Young and old, different cultures, different races, genders.... each type of person that exists is a perfect candidate to share the Gospel with!

We exist to know God and make Him known to others. Knowing Him can be done during prayer, personal Bible study, and private spaces. But, to make Him known -- solitude is NOT a thing.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

I know sharing our faith can feel scary... the thoughts of "what do I say", "what if they think I'm strange", and "what if there's more questions" can cause us to panic! It's easy to get psyched out, but just focus on God. He's not setting us up to fail. He's setting us up to be purposeful and used! The chance to spread the Gospel is a gift. It can be an intimidating gift, but say a prayer and let's take a peek into scripture together!

I hope after you get these tips it helps you out!

JOHN 3:16

This classic scripture is amazing! We tend to get so familiar with it that we don't actually spend the time to look deeper and fully understand the power in this scripture.



"For this is how God **loved** the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

-- JOHN 3:16 (NLT)

LOVE

God created every person. He loves every person.

He sent Jesus to die for every person so that He can love us for eternity.

God didn't want this world empty and He doesn't want Heaven empty. His desire to love us is the casue behind Him deciding to provide us with a sacrifice to cleanse us of our sin debt.

ONLY SON

We're all called God's children so how is Jesus His only Son?

Well Jesus is the only person to walk this Earth that is God. Mary, Jesus' mother, became pregant through the power of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18). All of us are woven together by God in our mother's wombs, but He allows us to have life through two humans. God's only begotten Son is Jesus.

ETERNAL LIFE

Believing in Jesus doesn't stop us from experiencing death. However, dving on this Earth doesn't mean our soul is also dead.

When a person who believes in God dies on this Earth, they end up alive in Heaven with God forever!

STUDY

God reveals Himself on every page of the Bible. So many people that are documented in the Old Testament are precursors to Jesus! Plus, the SCRIPTUR E New Testament has explainations of the the Gospel in some way in almost every book! As followers of Jesus we have to seek Him and be familiar with the scriptures in the Bible! Once you know the Gospel you'll see it in many scriptures! John 3:16 is one of MANY ways to explain the Good News!

AREN'T JESUS AND GOD THE SAME?

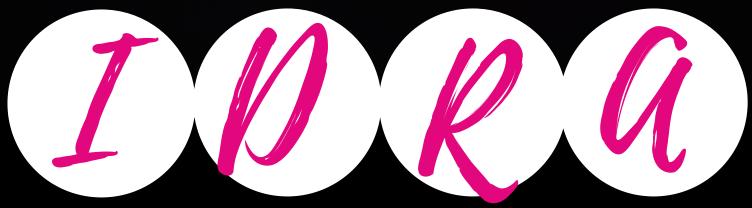
Jesus is 100% God and 100% man. That can be a weird truth to fully grasp, but we serve an indescribable God that is all powerful in nature -- we shouldn't expect anything less than amazing. So, even if it doesn't seem to make sense that's okay. Some of God's truth is above human logic and understanding.

Jesus is Lord and Son! God is triune. In total He includes: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. So... Father God sent the Son to die on our behalf.

Only God is perfect, sinless and all knowing. With that being true only God could have walked this Earth without any flaw. Hence how we know Jesus is truly God in the flesh!

A GOOD OL' ACRONYM

Sometimes it's nice to have a quick go to! I love acronyms and this one is really a great gem! This is probably my favorite method and the easiest to remember! I.D.R.A.



INCARNATION

DEATH

RESSURECTION **ASCENSION**

God sent His Son to Earth to be our savior!

God The Father, Son and Holy Spirit were perfect, sinless and didn't need us.

However, God loved the world and the people in it. It was clear that no person was able to live up to His standards so He provided a solution, even though suffer the consequences of our actions!

Jesus was a walking, talking, fully God and fully man solution!

To say the least --Jesus was beaten, nailed to a wooden cross, pierced by insults, and completely disrespected. (Matt. 27:32-56)

His painful crucifixion was definitely a tortous and inhumane way to die.

After living a perfect life, He decided to He could've left us to endure a punishment that was not deserved by Him.

Jesus died for us... but He didn't stay dead!

He deafeted BOTH sin and death.

Death on this Earth is something permanent, but Christ defied that law.

(No other god that is worshipped in other religions has come back to life!)

Jesus existed from the beginning of time. But, God the Father acted in His own timing and sent lesus when it was right!

lesus came from Heavenly places and returned to sit at God's right hand!

Ascending is how Jesus returned to Heaven after His resurrection.

He didn't stay on Earth because He knew it would be better for us to be filled with the Holy Spirit (John 16:7)!

ROMANS ROAD

This gem is a classic! "Romans Road" will take you through scripture and help you guide yourself and someone else through the Gospel! This is the longest, but most thorough method.



FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD

We are all sinners. EVERY SINGLE PERSON. Even if you haven't lied in the last 10 minutes or committed a felony -- you're still a sinner. We like to tell ourselves that we're "good people", but with Jesus as our standard.... we are all falling short of the target. That means we have all fallen short of God's glory and we need His saving.

ROMANS 6:23

FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD

God is a righteous judge. That means that He is fair. The cost of our sin is death. However, God made it so that it doesn't have to be our death and eternity in Hell. Jesus' death on the cross takes the place of what should've been our own "wage" to pay.

Jesus' crucifixion was a gruesome and painful death BUT even moreso it's a gift to us. Jesus' death was the compensation for the sins we commit every day.

ROMANS 5:8

BUT GOD PROVES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US

Just to make sure we're still on the same page --- Jesus Christ's death on the cross was an act of love from God. This moment was literally a grand gesture to show the world for generations to come that God loves us enough to send His only begotten Son to be the sinless and perfect sacrifice for our misbehavior.



IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH, "JESUS IS LORD," AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED. ONE BELIEVES WITH THE HEART, RESULTING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ONE CONFESSES WITH THE MOUTH, RESULTING IN SALVATION.

Jesus' resurrection marked the moment that He overcame death. Jesus exists at God's right hand for eternity and when we believe that Jesus is God in the flesh, lived a sinless life, died for us, and resurrected after 3 day -- we are saved!

ROMANS 10:13

FOR EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED

Anyone who truly believes in Jesus has eternal life. That means that after death on this Earth, a believer will spend their eternity in Heaven with the Lord FOREVER!

LET'S PRAY

This is really the most important step:

DEAR GOD,

Thank you so much for allowing me to respond to the Gospel. The sacrifice you made for my life is something that I want every person to experience. Give me your strength to tell others this truth. Give me your strength to love people by telling them the best news that could ever be told! Give me your strength to put aside my own fear and speak out. I know your Spirit is with me with every word I say.

In Jesus Name, Amen!

After you share the Gospel with a person in many cases it won't be received immediately. If it's a coworker you might have to tell them more than once. If it's a friend, you may have to pray over them every week. If it's a family member, you'll have to use good judegement on when to mention it again.

FOLLOW

UP

Inviting someone to church and having them read through one of the 4 Gosepls in the Bible (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) is another great follow-up idea!

Keep in mind that the key is to "plant a seed". If you make it your goal to say something that is going to cause a life change in the blink of an eye-- you'll probably feel like a failure 90% of the time. However, if you openly share your faith and live a life that reflects your beliefs... God will be pleased!

BE BOLD

PICK A METHOD

MAKE IT YOUR OWN.
IT'S NOT A SCRIPT

