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Everything Is His

WHAT
EVIDENCE
EXISTS
THAT HELPS
US SEE
GOD?

The
POINT ➤

All creation reveals God, the Creator—the only One worthy of worship.

➤ ACTS 17:16-34

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.”

²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.

²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is

he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ ²⁹ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” ³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Our Milky Way Galaxy contains more than 100 billion stars, including our most well-studied star, the sun.¹



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // COMMUNITY & WORLD

Our created world points to a Creator who is worthy of all worship.

One summer, I was hanging out with my family on the trampoline in my backyard, staring up at the stars. The sky looked huge. I saw hundreds of stars, and it made me feel small but not in a bad way. I just kept thinking, “How could anyone believe that this could all happen without a Creator?”

At school, we’d been learning about how the planets move and how everything in space works perfectly. That same week at church, my leader said, “All creation points to God because He is the only One big enough to make it all.” That’s when it clicked for me. The stars, the trees, the ocean, and even our feelings of wonder are all signs pointing us to the Creator. God made everything, and He made it to show how great He is.

Since then, when I see something beautiful, I try to stop and thank God. It’s all His. And it reminds me that He’s real, powerful, and worth worshiping. Creation is evidence that God is real and active and that everything truly belongs to Him.

ACTS 17:16-21

1 Why do you think it’s important to understand the culture around you before sharing your faith?

2 How can we share what we believe in a way that’s both honest and respectful?

ACTS 17:22-29

3 Why do you think Paul chose to start with what the people already believed instead of just saying they were wrong?

4 What does it say about people today that we still chase meaning in things like fame, success, or image?

5 Why is it important to show that faith and clear thinking can go together?

*Faith is not about rejecting thinking; it's about thinking clearly and compassionately.
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ACTS 17:30-34

6 Have you ever felt like you were chasing something that didn't satisfy? What helped you realize that?

7 How does it change your perspective to think that someone might hear about Jesus at just the right time through you?

8 Why do you think it's still worth sharing your faith, even if some people laugh at you or ignore you?



LIVE IT OUT



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Evidence can help students see the work of God in their lives. In a world that says “prove it” to validate the truth of something, God has graciously made the evidence abundant and real for us. This does not mean it’s as simple to believe as it sounds. We still need to help students see that the enemy’s lies and manipulations (man-made idols in this passage) make it difficult sometimes to see the beauty of God’s goodness in creation. Historical, biblical, and archeological evidence all point to the truths found in Scripture.

> CHRIST

9 How does understanding God as the Creator help you see Jesus on a more personal level as a creation made by Him?

10 How does knowing that God is close and involved in our world impact the way you live out your faith every day?

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

**COMMUNITY
& WORLD**

> COMMUNITY

11 How can you help others understand that they, too, are part of God's creation and made to worship Him?



> CULTURE

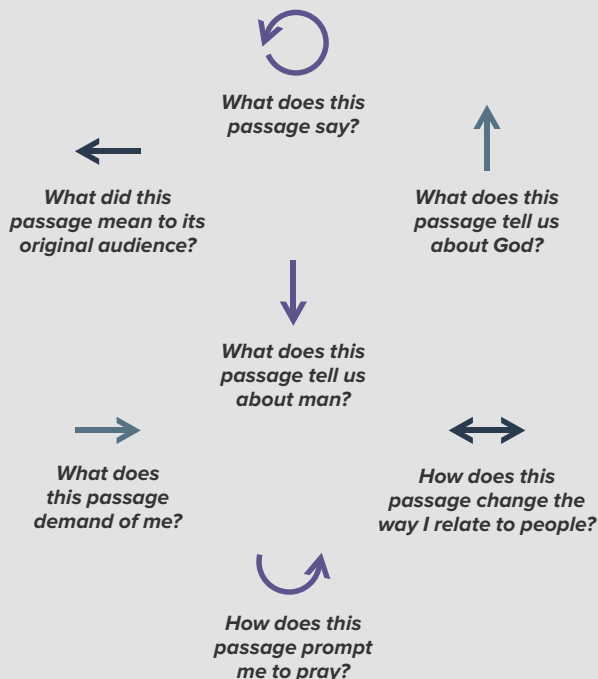
12 How does our culture reflect the same search for meaning as the people of Athens, and what do you think most people put their trust in today?

13 How can you use the things in your culture, like music, movies, or sports, to point others to the Creator?

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One ROMANS 1:20

Every day, the world quietly testifies to the existence of its Creator. The rhythm of the seasons, the precision of the human body, the colors of a sunset—none of these are random. They are intentional, ordered, and purposeful. Whether it's the complexity of DNA or the instinct of a bird migrating thousands of miles, creation whispers the reality of Someone greater.

We live in a world overflowing with evidence of God. Not proof in the way science might demand, but evidence that stirs the soul and awakens the heart to wonder. It doesn't shout but it invites us to pause, to consider, and to believe. God didn't hide Himself. He wove His presence into the very fabric of the world. The more we look with eyes of faith, the more we recognize His signature on everything. Today, slow down. Step outside. Take in the details. And let the beauty, complexity, and order around you stir up awe for the One who is always there.

- **When was the last time you really stopped to notice the details of the world around you, and how did that change the way you thought about God?**
- **How might your faith grow if you started looking for the quiet ways God reveals Himself in everyday life?**

Day Two

PSALM 19:1-2



Have you ever looked up at a star-filled sky and felt small yet aware that you're part of something bigger? Wherever we go, we can be reminded every day that creation itself is constantly speaking and revealing the glory and majesty of God. The sky is not silent; its beauty, order, and vastness point to the Creator.

God doesn't just speak through Scripture; He also speaks through nature. It all declares that God is present and active. Creation never stops proclaiming the goodness of God. The question is, are we listening? Take time today to notice the sky and let its beauty and wonder lead you to worship. The heavens are declaring God's glory. May our hearts join in their unending praise.

- **When you notice nature around you, how often do you stop to consider what it might be saying about God's character and presence?**
- **What would change in your life if you started paying closer attention to the ways creation is constantly pointing you to something bigger than yourself?**

Day Three

JOHN 1:14

God didn't stay distant. He stepped into our world, clothed in humanity, and walked among us. In Jesus, the invisible became visible—the heart of God on full display. His kindness to the broken, His patience with the questioning, His boldness in truth, and His sacrifice for the undeserving all point to a love beyond understanding.

This was not a distant deity observing from far away but a present and personal Savior entering into our mess, struggles, and joys. He lived with us, felt what we feel, and showed us what God is truly like. It's not through thunder or fire but through grace and truth wrapped in skin. If you ever wonder where God is or what He's like, you don't have to guess. Look to the life that was lived among us. There, in that life, is the clearest picture of love, holiness, and hope. And because He came near, we can draw near and be confident that He understands, welcomes, and walks with us still.

- **How does knowing that God became human and experienced life like you do change the way you think about Him?**
- **If Jesus shows us what God is really like through His life, how could that shape the way you live and relate to others?**

Day Four

HEBREWS 1:1-2

God has always been a God who speaks. In ages past, He spoke through prophets. But now, He has spoken in the most personal and powerful way possible: through His Son. Jesus isn't just another messenger; He *is* the message. He perfectly reveals the heart, character, and purpose of God. Through His words, we hear truth. Through His actions, we see love. Through His life, we understand who God is—not in part, but in full.

This changes everything. We no longer have to wonder what God thinks about us or how He relates to our world. In Christ, the questions find their answers. He is not a distant figure to study; He is the living Word who draws us close. Today, take heart in knowing that God has spoken clearly and personally. In a world full of noise and confusion, His voice still rings out, full of grace, truth, and life. All of this is done through the One who makes God known.

- **How does the idea that Jesus is the living message of God change the way you listen for God's voice in your own life?**
- **What might it look like to draw closer to Jesus, especially when the world around you feels confusing or noisy?**

Day Five

JOHN 14:9



If you've ever longed to see God and know what He's really like, then you're not alone. The answer isn't found in signs or distant wonders; it's found in a person. To look at Jesus is to see the very heart of God. His compassion for the hurting, His patience with the doubting, His mercy toward sinners, and His strength in the face of injustice all reveal the character of the One who sent Him. Jesus doesn't just represent God; He embodies Him.

God isn't hiding. He made Himself fully known in Jesus. When we see Jesus, we see divine love wrapped in human form. Let this truth settle in today: God has made Himself visible, personal, and near. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus and let your heart be drawn closer to the One who came to show you exactly who He is.

- **When you think about Jesus as the visible expression of God's love, how does that change the way you relate to Him?**
- **How might your understanding of God grow if you focused on Jesus' actions and character?**