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WHO DID JESUS COME FOR?

Every Tribe and Tongue

The
POINT ➤

All people need Jesus as their Savior.

➤ ACTS 2:1-12,22-24,36-41

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

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²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.”
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³⁶“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.





THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

In the United States, 62% of adults describe themselves as Christians.¹



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit enables believers to share the good news with all people.

I used to think sharing about Jesus was only for pastors or super bold people. Then one day at church, we read Acts 2. The part where the Holy Spirit filled the believers at Pentecost and Peter stood up to speak to a huge crowd really stuck with me. Peter told them that Jesus died and rose again and that this good news was for everyone.

That week at school, I had an opportunity to talk about church with a friend as it came up in a conversation. Normally, I'd freeze up or change the subject. But I remembered how Peter spoke, even though he wasn't perfect or super brave before. So, I told my friend, "Jesus changed my life, and He loves you, too." To my surprise, he didn't laugh or walk away. He actually wanted to know more.

That moment helped me see that the Holy Spirit didn't just help Peter—He also helps us, too. Jesus came for all people, and we each get the chance to share that. Even if it feels a little scary, God can use us in big ways. We just have to be willing to share.

ACTS 2:1-12

1 Have you ever felt like God was nudging you to speak up or do something, but you hesitated? What happened?

2 What person in your life needs to hear about Jesus in a way that makes sense to him or her, and how could you help make that happen?

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collides with the
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ACTS 2:22-24,36

3 Why do you think people are often more comfortable seeing Jesus as a good teacher or helpful figure rather than Lord over their lives?

4 What role does truth play in helping people grow spiritually or change direction in life?

5 How does surrendering to Jesus look different than simply believing in Him?

ACTS 2:37-41

6 Why do you think feeling convicted can be such a big part of changing how someone lives?

7 What do you think makes people do something with the truth they hear instead of just acknowledging it and moving on?

8 Why do you think turning away from old habits or ways of thinking is a big deal in following Jesus?



LIVE IT OUT



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit enables believers to share the good news with all people.

The gospel message is for everyone from every culture, background, and language. In a world filled with labels, social status, and categories, students need to remember that all people need Jesus as their Savior. In this session, students will see that the Holy Spirit enables regular people to do incredible things for His kingdom.

> CHRIST

9 How does the coming of the Holy Spirit show us the inclusive nature of Jesus' mission?

10 Peter proclaims Jesus as both Lord and Messiah. What does it mean for you personally to declare Jesus as Lord of your life?

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

> COMMUNITY

11 How can the diverse gathering of people shape how we see community within the church today?



12 What roles do repentance and baptism play in the formation of a new community of believers?

> CULTURE

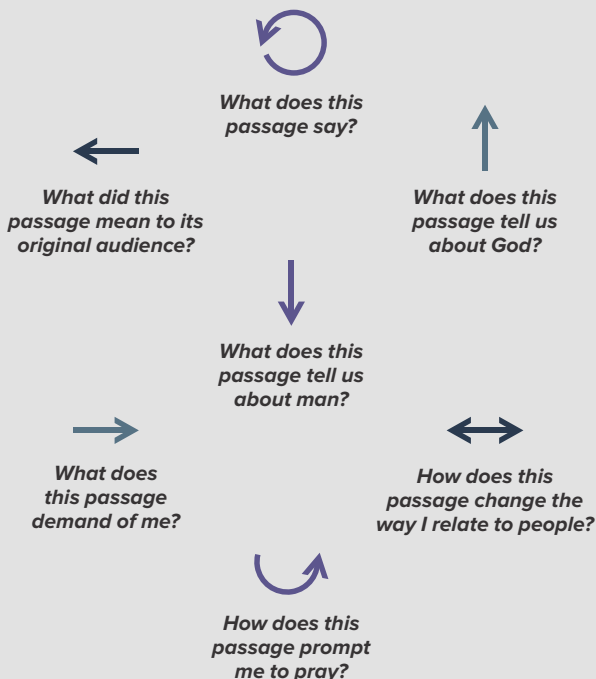
13 At Pentecost, people from different nations heard the gospel in their own language. How does this challenge cultural divisions and barriers today?

14 In a world that often divides people by ethnicity, race, and nationality, how can the church serve as an example of unity?

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One LUKE 19:10

Jesus came to seek and save the lost—not the self-sufficient, not the ones who have it all figured out, but those who recognize their deep need for Him. The lost aren't just those far from God. They can also be the ones caught in shame, guilt, or feelings of abandonment. They may look successful, but inside, they're struggling and searching for something to fill the void.

Jesus' ministry was about extending grace to the overlooked, rejected, and outcasts of His time. His purpose wasn't to gather the already "found" but to offer hope to those who had no way to find their way back on their own. His love reached beyond societal boundaries, showing that every person, regardless of their past or present, is worth pursuing. As His followers, we're called to this same mission. We're meant to seek out the lost, to see them not as beyond redemption but as beloved children waiting to be found.

- **Who are the "lost" in your life, and how can you reflect Jesus' heart for them today?**
- **How can we embody Jesus' grace to pursue and love those whom society has rejected or forgotten?**

Day Two

MATTHEW 9:12-13



Jesus' mission was clear: He came to offer grace, not to reinforce the walls of judgment. When the religious leaders questioned why He spent time with those considered "sinners," Jesus flipped the script. His love wasn't reserved for those who thought they had it all together. Instead, He sought out the broken, the messy, and the outcasts—those who knew they needed a Savior.

It's easy to see some people as too far gone or unworthy of grace, but Jesus' example challenges that mindset. His message wasn't about excluding anyone based on their flaws but about extending an invitation to those willing to admit their need for restoration. As His followers, we're called to carry that same heart.

- **How would it change the way we treat people, knowing that those we tend to ignore or avoid are the ones Jesus would go out of His way to befriend?**
- **If Jesus wasn't afraid to love people who were messy or unpopular, what kind of love are we supposed to show?**

Day Three

MATTHEW 11:28

Jesus' invitation is simple but profound: Come to Him, and He will give rest. He didn't come to add more burdens but to offer relief. In a world that constantly demands more, Jesus offers rest for the weary soul. Many of us carry heavy loads, whether it's the pressure to succeed, the weight of our past mistakes, or the exhaustion of trying to live up to the world's standards. Jesus doesn't call us to figure it all out first or clean ourselves up before coming to Him. Instead, He welcomes us just as we are, offering peace and rest in the midst of our chaos.

His rest isn't about taking a nap but finding peace in the midst of life's storms. It's the unshakable assurance that we are loved, forgiven, and held by a Savior who understands our burdens. Jesus is waiting to take the weight off your shoulders and offer you true peace.

- **The things we chase to feel whole could actually be the very things keeping us from finding true rest in Jesus. How is rest in Jesus different from the things of this world?**
- **In a world that constantly tells us to do more and be more, what would it look like to truly believe that being with Jesus is enough?**

Day Four

JOHN 12:47

Jesus' words here reveal a profound truth: He came not to condemn but to save. We often view God as ready to judge, waiting for us to mess up so He can punish us. But Jesus flips that narrative. His heart is for redemption, not destruction. He didn't come to point out our flaws or condemn us for our mistakes; He came to offer grace, healing, and a way back to the Father.

In a world where it's easy to feel unworthy or judged, this is a powerful reminder. Jesus sees our brokenness, but He doesn't condemn us for it. Instead, He invites us into a relationship where healing can begin. His love is not conditional on our perfection; it's unconditional, reaching out to us in our mess and offering the chance to be restored. His love is the antidote to condemnation, and it's available to anyone willing to receive it. Are we willing to embrace that love?

➤ **What makes it difficult for you to believe that Jesus came to save you, not to judge you?**

➤ **How might your view of Him change if you really believed this truth?**

Day Five

LUKE 4:18



Jesus' mission was radical: to bring freedom, healing, and hope to those trapped in their struggles. He didn't come for those who already had it all together but for the broken and oppressed. His heart was for those who were spiritually blind, emotionally wounded, and physically burdened. In His declaration, Jesus tells us He came to "preach good news to the poor" (v. 18, CSB) and set the captives free. These aren't just physical needs but deep, soul-level struggles. Jesus came to break every barrier that keeps us from experiencing true freedom.

Jesus doesn't just offer a vague hope. He came with a mission—to set us free in every area of our lives. No matter how lost, broken, or bound we feel, He came to bring healing and restoration. Are we ready to let Him heal our hearts and open our eyes to the life He offers?

➤ **What are some struggles or "chains" in your life that you need Jesus to help break?**

➤ **How would your view of yourself and your future change if you truly believed Jesus came to heal every part of your brokenness?**