

Why teach the gospel?

Why should we teach others the gospel?

One reason — Jesus said to go and teach them.

Matthew 28:18-20

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

- Salvation does not depend upon your emotions.

Jesus wants all men to be saved - **1 Timothy 2:3-4**. We want them to be saved.

What should we teach them?

1. There is a God.
2. The Bible is the Word of God.
3. Jesus is the Son of God.
4. Man has a sin problem.

I. Believe

- A. **John 8:24** — unless you believe, you’ll die in your sins.
- B. **Romans 10:17** — faith comes by hearing.
- C. Commandments do not produce faith in God & Jesus.
- D. Teach the things that will cause them to believe! Miracles.

John 20:30-31

“Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

- E. Real Bible faith has confidence of belief in:
 1. Ability — Jesus can do what He says He can do.
 2. Authority — A need to respect the authority Jesus has.

II. Repent

- A. Must show (1) how bad sin is and (2) how good God is.
- B. “Repent” means to change your mind.
 - Commanding someone to repent does not cause it!

- C. **Acts 17:30-31** — God commands all men to repent.
- D. **Romans 2:4** — God's kindness leads to repentance.
- E. **2 Corinthians 7:10** — Godly sorrow brings repentance.
 - from knowing you have hurt someone = consequences of sin.

III. Confess

- A. **Romans 10:9-10** — must confess Jesus is Lord.
- B. **Acts 8:37** — Ethiopian Eunuch's confession.
- C. **1 Timothy 6:12** — Timothy's good confession.
- D. To confess means more than to just admit, it is an expression of conviction that leads to true commitment. To confess is an expression of **faith!**

IV. Baptized

- A. Must understand in a detailed manner and context and purpose.

Acts 2:38

“Peter replied, “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.”

- B. “For” - Gk. *eis* — this phrase demands intent.
 - example: Intent in marriage vow, “I do.”
- C. Jesus commanded intent to get forgiveness.
- D. **Colossians 2:11-12** — “circumcision” made without hands.
 - Work, power of God = to cut off sin!!

Baptism is immersion. Read Acts 8:36-39.

- A. Gk.- *baptizo* (bap-tid'-zo) to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: — Strong's Greek
- B. Gk. - *rhantizo* = to sprinkle - **Hebrews 9:13**. Sprinkling is not baptism.
- C. Gk. - *cheo* = to pour - **Matthew 26:7**. Pouring is not baptism.

Who is baptism for?

- A. Those who have sin in their lives and need forgiveness.
- B. Do babies have sin? No. **Mark 10:13-16**.
- C. Do babies inherit sin? No. **Ezekiel 18:20**.

Mark it!

(How to make marks in your Bible for this study.)

1. On the first page of the Gospel of Mark, write three statements:

Jesus can... help (1:1)
Jesus can... care (1:32-41)
Jesus can... save (10:45)

2. Then, mark in your Bible the following verses:

A. Jesus can... help! (1:1)

1. At the end of Mark 1:1, write 4:35 - 5:43.
2. At the end of v.43, write 16:1-6.
3. At the end of v.6, write 9:7.
4. At the end of v.7, write Luke 6:46-49.
5. At the end of v.49, write John 12:48-50.
6. At the end of v.50, write Acts 3:23.
7. At the end of v.23, write Romans 10:17.
8. At the end of v.17, write 1 Corinthians 14:37.
9. At the end of v.37, write "X". You have finished this lesson.

B. Jesus can... care! (1:32-41)

1. At the end of Mark 1:41, write 6:1-3.
2. At the end of v.3, write 6:30-34.
3. At the end of v.34, write 14:1. (Or write 14:1-15:37.)
4. At the end of v.1, write 14:10.
5. At the end of v.10, write 14:34.
6. At the end of v.34, write 14:37.
7. At the end of v.37, write 14:45.
8. At the end of v.45, write 14:50.
9. At the end of v.50, write 14:57.
10. At the end of v.57, write 14:65.
11. At the end of v.65, write 14:71.
12. At the end of v.71, write 15:20.
13. At the end of v.20, write 15:29.
14. At the end of v.29, write 15:34.
15. At the end of v.34, write 15:37.
16. At the end of v.37, write "X". You have finished this lesson.

C. Jesus can... save! (10:45)

1. At the end of Mark 10:45, write Genesis 1-3.
2. At the end of v.6 or 7, write Luke 12:47-48.

3. At the end of v.48, write John 8:34.
4. At the end of v.34, write Acts 17:30-31.
5. At the end of v.31, write Romans 3:23.
6. At the end of v.23, write 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.
7. At the end of v.10, write 2 Corinthians 11:3, 14.
8. At the end of v.14, write Galatians 5:19-21.
9. At the end of v.21, write Ephesians 2:1-3.
10. At the end of v.3, write 2:11-12.
11. At the end of v.12, write 2:13.
12. At the end of v.13, write Galatians 3:13.
13. At the end of v.13, write 2 Corinthians 5:21.
14. At the end of v.21, write 1 Corinthians 6:11.
15. At the end of v.11, write Romans 6:23.
16. At the end of v.23, write Acts 4:12.
17. At the end of v.12, write John 8:36.
18. At the end of v.36, write Luke 23:34.
19. At the end of v.34, write Mark 10:45.
20. At the end of v.45, write 16:16.
21. At the end of v.16, write Acts 2:38.
22. At the end of v.38, write Romans 6:3-6.
23. At the end of v.6, write Galatians 3:26-27.
24. At the end of v.27, write Colossians 2:11-12.
25. At the end of v.12, write 1 Peter 3:21.
26. At the end of v.21, write Acts 22:3-16.
27. At the end of v.16, write "X". You have finished this lesson.

Jesus Can... Help!

Jesus is able! He can... 1. Help - He is my Lord = I will obey Him.
 2. Care - He is my Friend = I will love Him.
 3. Save - He is my Savior = I will accept Him.

Mark 1:1 — What does the word gospel mean?? Good News!

This begins the study on Jesus' ability.

Begin looking at miracles of Jesus — teaching what causes belief.

4:35 — Jesus calms the storm at sea.

- Get the senses involved in the miracles of Jesus.

Three questions with each miracle:

1. What can man do? (with the storm)
2. What can Jesus do? (with a word - calms the storm)
3. Who is this? (that even winds and waves listen and obey)
 - When I can't do anything, Jesus can help!
 - Does more than a man can do.

A fourth question would be: What good news is there for you, Tom?

- Jesus can calm the “storms” in your life today!

5:1 — Gerasenes, the grave yard.

- Read/tell the story. Ask the questions. Let the student answer.

5:21 — Jairus' daughter / woman bleeding.

- Make the stories come to life. Ask how'd they feel in that situation.

16:1-6 — Jesus is resurrected.

What happened to Jesus' body?? (Discuss some evidences here)

1. The apostle's couldn't have taken it.
 - The tomb was guarded, possibly up to 16 guards.
 - The stone weighed 1-2 tons.
 - Why did they unwrap his body?
2. The Jews wouldn't have taken it.
 - They put guards there to disprove prophecy of resurrection.
3. The guards lied, saying they were asleep and the disciples came and stole the body. Sleeping eyewitnesses! (**Matt. 28:11-15**).
 - They were paid to lie.
 - Even those who lied said, “the body is gone!”

At this point, ask:

Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?

If they say yes, go on.

If they say no, go back and study some more.

Ask: **What does God want you to do if you believe that?**

Mark 9:7 — Listen to Him — Are you willing to listen to Jesus?

This begins the study on Jesus' authority.

Why should we listen to Jesus??? (Repeat this question after every verse.)

Luke 6:46-49 — Jesus is Lord. That means "master."

1. Don't listen — will be destroyed.
2. Are there any storms in your life?
3. If you listen, you will have a solid foundation to stand on!

Why should I listen to Jesus?

John 12:48-50 — Jesus' word will judge us on the last day.

- Not your mother, father, family, church, preacher, failures, works.

Why should I listen to Jesus?

Acts 3:23 — Don't listen and you'll be completely cut off! Destroyed!

Why should I listen to Jesus?

Romans 10:17 — That's how I get faith.

- Faith must and only comes from the Word of God.

Where do I find the words of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 14:37 — What is written are the words of Jesus.

- When we read different books in the New Testament, we are reading the words of Jesus.
- So we must go to His word to see what it is He wants us to do with our lives.

If more teaching is needed on the Bible being the words of Jesus, then go to

Galatians 1:6-10. Also, **Ephesians 3:3-5** - the mystery revealed to Paul, he wrote it down for us.

Jesus Can... Care!

We've finished the first study, "Jesus can... help!"

We looked at the four miracles that showed us that Jesus has ability and authority.

This affected our emotions. How we feel about Him.

We said that we believe He is the Son of God. We believe!

That's enough, right? **James 2:19** - "*You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.*"

To believe is not enough.

But with such an awesome God, how could He ever understand how I feel?

Hebrews 4:15 — "*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin.*"

Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses and our temptations.

He understands.

And because He understands.... He cares!

Jesus can... care!!

Mark 1:32 - "*evening after sunset*"

What time of day is it? Probably close to bedtime. That's when I want to be alone.

v.33 - Who came? "*The whole town.*"

What would you do?

What did Jesus do?

- He cares more about others than about Himself.

v.35 - "*very early in the morning... still dark*"

- Jesus just wants some time to be alone with His Father.

v.37 - "*everyone is looking for you!*"

- Have you ever been under pressure? Jesus understands how you feel.

v.40 - *“a man with leprosy”*

- a. **Leviticus 13:45** — *“The person with such an infectious disease must wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of his face and cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’”*
- b. Beggars - irritating. They don’t care how you feel, they will not stop until they get what they want.
- c. He challenged Jesus. *“If you will... you could”*

v.41 - *“filled with compassion... touched”*

- a. Compassion - to feel the same feeling, “common passion.” Sick, gut feeling.
- b. Jesus said, *“I will”* and touched him.
 - *“I will”* involves commitment. *“I am willing”* is too easy.

Mark 6:1-3 - Jesus goes home.

v.3 - *“they took offense at Him”*

1. Has this ever happened to you?
2. How does it feel?
3. If no one else understands... Good News!! Jesus understands!!
 - And because He understands... He cares!

Mark 6:30-34 - Jesus with His disciples.

v.31 - *“They did not even have a chance to eat”*

- That’s extreme pressure!

“Get some rest”

- Jesus cares for His friends.

v.34 - *“He had compassion on them”*

- Jesus cares more for people than He does for Himself.

Mark 14:1 - *“looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill Him”*

- Have you ever been hated? Jesus understands.

v.10 - *“one of the twelve... to betray Jesus”*

- Did a friend ever want to hurt you? Jesus understands.

v.34 - *“overwhelmed with sorrow”*

- Burning, empty pain within - to the point of death.
- Have you ever been sad? Jesus understands.

v.37 - *“found them sleeping”*

- Have you ever needed someone to be there and they weren't? Jesus understands.

v.45 - *“kissed Him”*

- Betrayed with a kiss... a sign of affection.
- Have you ever been hurt by a close friend? Jesus understands.

v.50 - *“then everyone deserted Him and fled”*

- Have you ever been lonely? Jesus understands.

v.57 - *“false testimony”*

- Have you ever been lied about? Jesus understands.

v.65 - *“spit at Him... struck Him... beat Him”*

- Have you ever been abused? Jesus understands.

v.71 - *“call down curses... and he swore”*

- Have you ever been cursed or denied? Jesus understands.

Mark 15:20 - *“mocked Him”*

- Have you ever been mocked? Jesus understands.

v.29 - *“hurled insults... shaking their heads”*

- Have you ever been shamed? Jesus understands.

v.34 - *“forsaken”*

- Have you ever been forsaken? Jesus understands.

v.37 - *“with a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last”*

- Jesus, the Son of God, despised and rejected by men, gave Himself up for us because He cared.

*** Let the person you are studying with answer the questions.

*** Show Jesus' humanity. He can relate to whatever situation you are in.

You have finished lesson #2 ☺

Good News!

Jesus Can... Save!

What is man's problem? The problem is SIN! Not poverty, sickness, etc...

This lesson will show the consequences of sin and the consequences of the cross.

Use a sheet of paper to write down verses and to illustrate concepts.

* Mark 10:45

Ransom... "price paid to get us back"

[Have your friend read the verse. Then ask, "Where do you hear the word 'ransom' used?" (*on T.V. with kidnap cases*) "What does it mean?" (*money that is paid to get the one kidnapped back home*) Look at how that applies to the verse. Jesus gave His life to bring us back to God.]

The consequences of sin: (How bad sin is!)

Genesis 1-3

God

Man

[“Saying that we need to be brought back to God implies that we started out with God. When we were babies, we didn't have any sin.” If a person believes that babies are born in sin, examine **Ezekiel 18:20** and **Mark 10:13-16** with them.]

[“Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden. Without sin they lived in love, peace, security and innocence. God gave to them everything they needed. He told them that they could eat of all the trees in the garden... except for the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told them that if they ever ate of that tree they would die.”]

[Ask your friend to help you recall the story. This will involve him and sharpen his focus on the Word.]

[“Satan slipped into the garden and tempted Eve. She listened to his lie and lusted for the fruit. She ate it and then she gave some to Adam. They sinned!”]

[“What happened to them? What had God told them would happen?” *(they would die)* “God had to keep His promise so He drove them out of the garden. They died! They began to die physically from that day, being separated from the tree of life, but they also died spiritually that day, being separated from God.”]

God

Sin

Man

[Very often when we teach about sin, sometimes we fail to realize that not everyone understands what sin is. It would be good to refer to Adam and Eve after they have sinned.]

[“How did they feel after they had eaten the fruit from the tree?” *(They were ashamed.)* Why were they ashamed? Was it God’s fault? *(No. The reason was that they had sinned.)* How else did they feel? *(They were afraid.)* They were afraid of the one who had created them. Was it God’s fault? *(No. They had sinned.)* How else did they feel? *(They were angry. “That woman that you gave me!”)* Did God want that? *(No. Anger was caused by the sin.)*]

What sin produced:

ashamed

God

Sin

Man

afraid

angry

[Because of Adam and Eve’s sins, they were cast out of the garden. Now we will look at sin and see the consequences of it. In order to see the consequences of sin, we will start in Mark and go up through Ephesians, looking at each book. It will be easier for your friend to follow you in this way.]

Luke 12:47-48

“What happens when we do not do what we are supposed to?”

“What happens when we sin?” *(We’ll be beaten.)*

John 8:34

“What happens when we sin?” (*We become slaves to sin.*)

- A slave has no freedom. In chains. In prison.

Acts 17:30-31

“What was God’s attitude towards ignorance?” (*He overlooked it.*)

“What does God command of all people now? (*Repent.*)

“Why?” (*Because He has set a day to judge the world.*)

Romans 3:23

“Who has sinned?” (*All have sinned.*)

- “Fall” - out of control; helpless. i.e. - bungee jumping

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

“What are the consequences of sin?” (*No heaven.*)

“Who will not inherit heaven?” (*Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*)

[It would be good to briefly discuss the meaning of each of the words used here.]

2 Corinthians 11:3, 14

“What can happen to us?” (*We can be deceived.*)

“Who can deceive us?” (*v.14 - Satan.*)

Galatians 5:19-21

“Who will not inherit the kingdom?” (*Those who are practicing: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.*)

[This list has some things not included in the passage in Corinthians. It includes the things that people usually call “small sins”... though there is no such thing as a “small” sin. Any sin can prevent us from going to heaven.]

Ephesians 2:1-3

“What happens to you because of sin?” (*You die.*)

“Who rules those who are in sin?” (*Satan.*)

“Why do you sin?” (*To gratify my sinful nature.*)

“Whose fault is it?” (*Ours because of our desires and thoughts.*)

[These are the consequences of sin. Let’s read one more passage to see where sin leaves me.]

Ephesians 2:11-12

			ashamed
	God	Sin	Man
			afraid
			angry
*	No Christ		
*	No home		
*	No friends		
*	No hope		
*	No God		

[People cannot accept good news until they know there is bad news. You should explain to them the concept of “no hope.” Do everything possible to help them realize what it means to be hopeless. Maybe the following examples will help to illustrate this idea.]

[Put a pen in the palm of your hand. Imagine that God told you that it is sin to pick up that pen. Look around and then pick up the pen. Ask your student, “What have I just done?” (*You have just sinned.*) Start arguing with your student, “I only picked it up once. I promise I will not do it again.” If they understand what sin is, they should answer (*It doesn’t matter. You still have sinned.*) “O.K. I’ll tell you what. I’ll get married and be a good husband and father. Will it take care of my sins?” (*No.*) “I’ll go to college, get a degree, find a good job - will that take care of my sins?” (*No.*) “I’ll devote all of my free time to helping others - will that take care of my sins?” (*No.*) “Then I’ll go to church and give all of my

money. I'll be a good person. Will that take care of my sins?" (*No.*)
They should clearly realize the helplessness of sin.]

[Now they have learned how bad sin is and probably realize their helplessness. It is time to show them that there is a way that can bring them back to God.]

The consequences of the cross: (How good God is!)

Ephesians 2:13

"Who are those that are 'far away' from God?" (*Those people in v.12.*)
"How are they brought near to God?" (*By Christ's blood.*)

God ↔ Christ's Blood ↔ Man

Galatians 3:13

"What did Jesus do for us?" (*Redeemed us.*)
"What does the word redeemed mean?" (*Bought.*)
• Literally "to regain possession of in exchange for payment."
"How did He redeem us?" (*On the cross.*)

2 Corinthians 5:21

"What did God make Jesus to be?" (**Sin.**)
"Why?" (*So that we could be righteous before God.*)
"Where?" (*In Him.*)

1 Corinthians 6:11

"What did Jesus do for us?" (*Washed us, sanctified us, justified us.*)
[Explain the meaning of each of these words.]

Romans 6:23

"What are the wages of sin?" (*Death.*)

“What does the word wages mean?” (*It is what you earn for work.*)

“What is the free gift of God?” (*Eternal life.*)

[It is a very important point for two reasons. First, it shows them both the bad news and the good news. But what is more important is that it shows them that they have not done anything to receive eternal life. Eternal life is given to them by God.]

Acts 4:12

“Who can save me?” (*Jesus. There is no other name.*)

John 8:31-36

“What does Jesus want?” (*All men to be free.*)

Luke 23:34

“What did Jesus pray for us?” (*For forgiveness.*)

[It's a very important passage for those who think that they are too sinful to be forgiven. If Jesus wanted the people who jeered, beat and killed Him to be saved, then how much more does He want us to be forgiven?]

Mark 10:45

“What did Jesus do for us?” (*Gave His life as a ransom for us.*)

God → Life → Man

[Ask the following questions. If they are able to answer these questions, then you can come to the conclusion that they have understood the lesson. If not, you have to do some additional studying with them. It is very important that they understand the answers to these questions.]

1. “Who is it that saves us?” (*Jesus*)
2. “What did Jesus do to save us?” (*Died for me...on the cross*)

3. “Why did Jesus do that?” (*He loves us... we needed it.*)
4. “How does Jesus save us?” (*By His blood... death... ransom*)
5. “When did you feel you were saved?” (Find out what they think.)

[This question is one of the most important questions. Very often, people want God to contradict Himself and the Bible. For example, we say, “*Repent and be baptized.*” (**Acts 2:38**); but they say, “*Everyone who believes will not die but have eternal life.*” (**John 3:16**). By doing that, we question the truthfulness of God. The question isn’t “How does Jesus save you?” but, “When does Jesus save you?” We will concentrate our attention on question #5 and we’ll devote the rest of this study to it.]

[You need to learn what your student thinks about this question. We’ll ask some more questions and **WRITE DOWN** the answers. Very often people forget and they change their point of view if it is not written down. It is a very important part of the lesson and it will help you to avoid some arguments if you have their answers written down.]

[It is very important to understand the students’ intentions as to why they were baptized. For example, what is the difference between eating some crackers and drinking some juice on a Tuesday afternoon as opposed to doing it together on Sunday morning? Or, when a couple is married on TV. as opposed to those who stand before the preacher? It is the intent of the heart that makes one marriage real why the other is a fantasy. What is the difference between taking a bath and getting baptized? Intent. One is for becoming physically clean, the other is for washing away sins.]

5 questions: (Memorize these!) Write down everything they tell you.

1. When were you saved?
2. What were you doing?
3. When were you baptized?
4. Why were you baptized?
5. Were you baptized to receive salvation?

B	S
baby	12 - praying

B = baptized S = saved

[The answers to these questions should be marked down on a time line. You ask these questions so that you can determine their knowledge about salvation.]

[We've taught the students to listen to Jesus. Now let's see what Jesus says. It doesn't matter what your preacher says, your friends say, your parents say, or what you or I say. What does Jesus say about when a man is saved?]

Mark 16:16

[You are going to ask three questions on every verse you read. It is possible that it will seem boring, but it will build up faith in their hearts.]

1. "What does Jesus say about when the man gets salvation?"
(*When the man believes and is baptized.*)
2. "Does a man have to believe to be saved?"
(*Yes. The one who doesn't believe...*)
3. "What happens to the man who believes and is baptized?"
(*Jesus will forgive him. He will be saved.*)

Acts 2:38

1. "What does Jesus say about when the man is forgiven?"
(*When the man repents and is baptized.*)
2. "Does a man have to repent to be saved?"
(*Yes.*) (**Acts 17:30**) - you may also need to explain repentance.
3. "What happens to the man who repents and is baptized?"
(*He receives forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*)

Romans 6:3-6

1. "What does Jesus say about when a man receives a new life?"
(*When the man dies to sin and is buried in baptism.*)
2. "Does a man have to die to sin? ...to be buried with Jesus?"
(*Yes.*) (**Romans 6:5-23**)
3. "What happens to the man who dies to sin and is buried with Jesus in baptism?" (*He receives a new life.*)

Galatians 3:26-27

1. “What does Jesus say about when a man is a son of God?”
(*Faith and baptism.*)
2. “Does a man have to have faith in Jesus?”
(*Yes.*)
3. “What happens to the man who has faith in Him and is baptized?”
(*He becomes a son of God.*)

Colossians 2:11-12

1. “What does Jesus say about when a man is freed from his flesh?”
(*When the man is buried with Him in baptized.*)
2. “Does a man have to have faith in the power of God to be freed from sins?”
(*Yes.*) (v.12)
3. “What happens to the man who is buried with Jesus in baptism and is raised through faith in the power of God?”
(*He is freed from sins.*)

1 Peter 3:21

1. “What does Jesus say about when a man receives salvation and his conscience becomes clean?”
(*When the man is baptized.*)
2. “What happens when the man is baptized?”
(*He is saved.*)

Acts 22:3-16 - [The conversion of the apostle Paul]

1. At what point was Paul saved?

Picture #1 - He was a Jew, educated in the law, zealous for God.
2. Can you be zealous, sincere and still be wrong? (*Yes.*)

Picture #2 - He saw Jesus, believed, confessed and repented.
3. Can you have a religious experience, put faith in Jesus and still not be saved?
(*Yes.*)

Picture #3 - He was baptized to wash away his sins.
4. Now is he saved? He has had his sins washed away. (*Yes.*)

7 questions to conclude the lesson: (Memorize these!)

1. What does Jesus say a man must do to be saved?
2. Is your situation possible?
3. Why does Jesus want someone to be baptized?
4. Were you baptized with the baptism Jesus commands?
5. Were your sins forgiven? (Were you saved?)
6. Do you want your sins forgiven?
7. When do you want your sins to be forgiven?

Questions that may arise:

“Just believe and you’ll be saved.” — **Romans 10:9-10**

Does this verse say anything about repentance? Do you have to repent?

“Baptism is cultural” — no, it is not. **Acts 2** - Jews were baptized

Acts 8 - Samaritans, Eunuch (proselyte)

Acts 10 - Gentile believers

Acts 16 - Pagan jailor

- Baptism is a work of God by an act of faith in obedience.

“What about the thief on the cross?” — **Luke 23:39-43**

(See last page of Luke in my Bible)

***Remember — **2 Timothy 2:24** “*And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.*”

“I had a religious experience.” — So?? Look at **Acts 10**.

Cornelius was a devout man, who feared God, prayed constantly.

- Is he saved? No.

He was visited by an angel, later he was baptized with the Holy Spirit.

- Is he saved? No.

He was commanded to be baptized - **Acts 10:33 (11:14); 10:47-48.**

- Now he is saved!

Do miracles prove someone is saved?

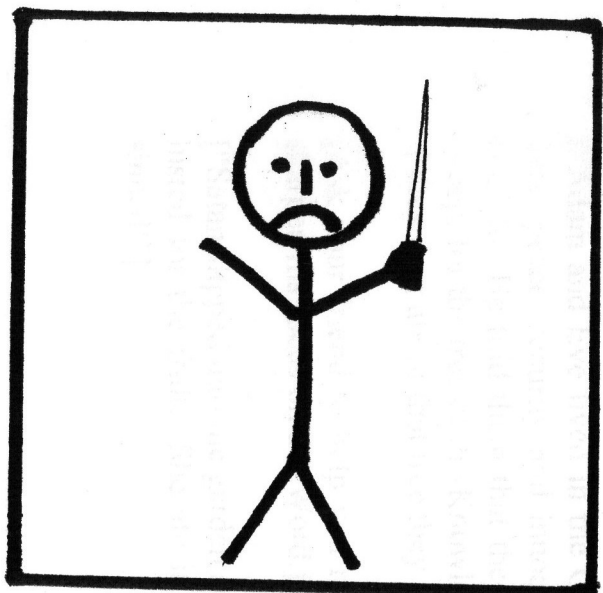
- Balaam’s donkey - **Numbers 22:21-33**
- **Matthew 7:21-23** - “*I never knew you.*”

Do miracles change Scripture?

- **Deuteronomy 13:1-5** (and rest of chapter) **2 Thess. 2:9**

Acts 22:3-16

Conversion of Paul



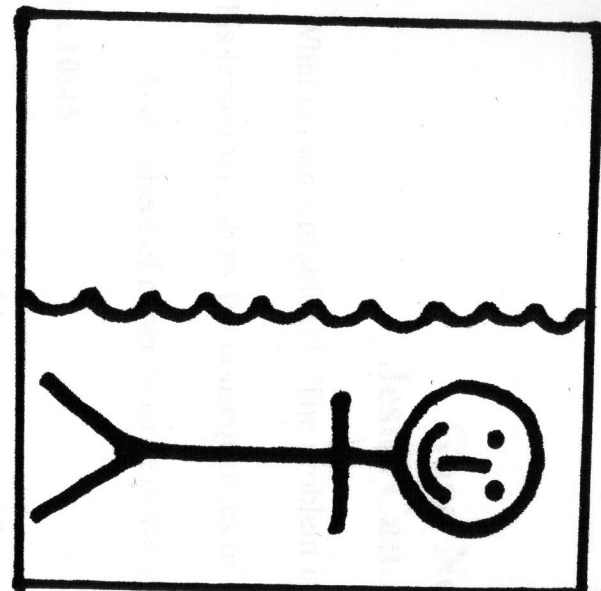
v. 3-5

Jew
Educated in the Law
Zealous for God



v. 6-15

Saw Jesus
Religious Experience
Believed in Jesus as
Lord
Confessed
Repented
Prayed



v. 16

Baptized