



1. THE RELEVANCE: _____.

Jesus Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all, and in fact, Christ Himself is the Creator who made everything... **Colossians 1:15-16** (LB)

He became like men and was born a human being. **Philippians 2:7** (AB)

2. THE REASON: _____.

She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus---because he will save his people from their sins." ²² Now all this happened in order to make come true what the Lord had said through the prophet, ²³ "A virgin will become pregnant and have a son, and he will be called Immanuel" (which means, "God is with us") **Matthew 1:21-23** (GNB)

He became a man so that He could take away our sins... **1 John 3:5** (LB)

Though He was God... He laid aside His mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And He humbled Himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross. **Philippians 2:6-8** (TLB)

God showed how much He loved us by sending His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love... that God sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. **1 John 4:9-10** (NLT)

3. THE RESULT: _____.

We were restored to friendship with God by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, and we will be delivered from eternal punishment by His life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us... **Romans 5:10-11** (NLT)

When they heard this they were crushed and realized what they had done to Jesus.¹ Deeply moved, they said to Peter and the other apostles, "What do we need to do, brothers?"³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and return to God,^[g] and each one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One,^[h] to have your sins removed. Then you may take hold of the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ For God's promise of the Holy Spirit is for you and your families, for those yet to be born and for everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."⁴⁰ Peter preached to them and warned them with these words: "Be rescued from the wayward and perverse culture of this world!⁴¹ Those who believed the word that day numbered three thousand. They were all baptized and added to the church. **Acts 2:36-41** (TPT)

4. THE REIMAGINED: _____.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age. **Matthew 28:19-21** (AMP)

The son of man (Jesus) came to look for and to save people who are lost. **Luke 19:10** (CEV)

In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world. **John 17:18** (MP)

Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you. **John 20:21b** (GW)

Christ did die for all of us. He died so we would no longer live for ourselves, but for the one who died and was raised to life for us...¹⁸ God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others.¹⁹ What we mean is that God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace.²⁰ We were sent to speak for Christ, and God is begging you to listen to our message. We speak for Christ and sincerely ask you to make peace with God. **2 Corinthians 5:16-20** (CEV)