

**To see how this happened, we only have to look to an event called “Pentecost” fifty days after Jesus’ Resurrection:**

*Acts 2:5–11* - Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.<sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.<sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”<sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,<sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

**Reminder: The Bible interprets the Bible! This is the way Bible people spoke...**

**... BEFORE Jesus came to earth**

*Genesis 41:57* - Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

*1 Kings 10:24* - And the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind.

**... and AFTER Jesus came to earth**

*1 Peter 5:9* - Resist [the devil], firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

*Acts 11:28* - And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius).

**Today’s BIG IDEA: If we let the Bible interpret the Bible, we see that Bible people frequently used global language for not-so-global events. For the first century authors and audience, “The whole world” meant the world known by the Roman Empire at that time.**

*Luke 2:1* - In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

**So what does this original meaning mean FOR us?**

1. **Let the Bible interpret the Bible**
2. **Believe what Jesus said because everything He said came true just as He said**
3. **Understand the “testimony” to the nations”**

*Matthew 24:14* - And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

**The testimony is...**

**... judgment for those who REJECT Jesus Christ as King**

*John 19:15* - They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

**...and forgiveness, acceptance, salvation, and eternal life for those who RECEIVE Him as King**

*John 1:11–13* - He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.<sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,<sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



**WEEK 6: GOING GLOBAL?**

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## WELCOME TO GOD'S BEAUTIFUL ALTERNATIVE

If you've had enough of the heartache, hardship, and hatred of a world at war with God, and you're ready to absolutely THRIVE in the life-giving, eternity-changing calling your Designer has designed you to fulfill, then you are right where God wants you to be! We are a community of sincere people imperfectly pursuing God's absolute best for ourselves and everyone around us. That means if there is anything we can do to help you take your next step in following Christ and discovering His calling on your one and only life, we are right next to you at whatever cost. If you've got questions, or want to speak to a pastor, or would like to ask for prayer, grab that pen you got with this handout and fill out one of those CONNECT CARDS and drop it in the basket on your way out. Other than that, we sincerely hope you have an incredible morning marked by a life-changing encounter with the risen and reigning King Jesus Christ.

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## EVERYONE WANTS TO BUILD SOMETHING GREAT

The problem is finding the right opportunity. Fortunately, we've got a gaggle of life-changing, eternity-shaping options for you. When you serve with One Missoula Church, you help other people rise to become all that God made them to be. If you're eager to lock arms to change eternity and make the world a better place, let us know via the serving categories on the Connect Card in today's handout.

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## COMMUNITY LIKE NO OTHER

God never intended us to live life flying solo. At One Missoula Church we know we are better together, so we are beginning to build incredible groups for community, encouragement, and strengthening. While serving alongside others is an easy way to build friendships (see above), we highly recommend joining a bi-weekly life group or a Discovery Bible Study depending on where you are on your journey with God. Just let us know about your interest on the connect card and we'll get in touch to get you squared away.

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## WOMEN OF ONE MAKE & MINGLE SIGN PAINTING

Join the ladies of IMSO on November 10 at 6:30 pm as we partner with Pine & Company for a fun sign-making event! Registration closes November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so if this sounds like your cup of tea, let us know via the Connect Card in the handout or by emailing [info@onemissoulachurch.com](mailto:info@onemissoulachurch.com). We will send you a registration link where you will be invited to our private party and will get to pick and pay for a sign of your choosing. We will also email you directions to the event. We can't wait to see you then!

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## BEARDED BLADES AXE-OFF

Gentlemen, it's time to channel that flannel! In honor of no-shave November, we will meet up at Lookout Throwing Company to hurl some hatchets from 7-9pm on November 30<sup>th</sup>. While there, the few, the hairy, the bearded will compete in a variety of categories for beard awards and bragging rights (you're welcome, ladies.) We will see what the men of IMSO are made of, both in their flourishing follicles as well as their axe-throwing accuracy. Can't grow a competition-grade beard? No worries! You're still in for a grand ole' evening of moderately safe masculinity. Judging categories in this unforgettable evening of testosterone, will be "ZZ Top Meets Their Match", "Goat of Grandeur", "Most likely to get randomly searched by the TSA", "Strongest 'Stache", and more. Be sure to mark it on your calendars and watch for further details as the end of November draws near.



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### What's the most popular WRONG Bible Study Question: "What does this mean to me?"

*John 14:13 - Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

### The right Bible Study questions:

- What did this verse/passage mean to the original author?
- What did this verse/passage mean to the original audience?
- What does what it meant to them mean FOR me?

### Super important Bible Study Principle: The Bible interprets the Bible

*Matthew 24:14 - And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

### There's no problem if Jesus was talking about the end of the world in the distant future. But Jesus said that would happen before the people He was speaking with would die off.

*Matthew 24:34-35 - Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.<sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

### The Bible actually reveals that Jesus was right on point. Check out this timeline:

- **~30-33 AD:** Jesus makes the prediction that the Gospel will be proclaimed to the whole world before His generation dies off
- **~49-51 AD:** Apostle Paul tells the church in Thessalonica the Gospel had gone global  
*1 Thessalonians 1:8 - For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.*
- **57 AD:** Apostle Paul tells the church in Rome the Gospel had gone global  
*Romans 10:18 - But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." (See also Romans 1:8 & 16:26)*
- **~62-64 AD:** Apostle Paul tells the church at Colossae that the Gospel had gone global  
*Colossians 1:5b-6a - Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,<sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you*  
*Colossians 1:22-23 - he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,<sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.*
- **70 AD:** Jesus comes in judgment and uses pagan Romans to fulfill His prediction for Jerusalem's destruction before His generation passed away.

### THE VERDICT: Jesus Christ is a true prophet, and The Bible is trustworthy!