

Following

On Mission

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Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15b NĬV

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3b NIV

"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." **Luke 19:10 NIV**

Jesus Came to . . .

1. Heal those who've lost their health.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

Matthew 4:23-24 NIV

A man with leprosy came to him (Jesus) and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.

Mark 1:40-42 NIV

2. Liberate those who've lost their freedom.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19 NIV

Christ has freed us so that we may enjoy the benefits of freedom. Therefore, be firm in this freedom, and don't become slaves again.

Galatians 5:1 GW

3. Forgive those who've lost their dignity.

He rekindles burned-out lives with fresh hope, Restoring dignity and respect to their lives . . .

1 Samuel 2:8b MSG

He (Jesus) personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.

1 Peter 2:24a NLT

Jesus: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19b ESV

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