

# Talk Thru the 2nd Testament

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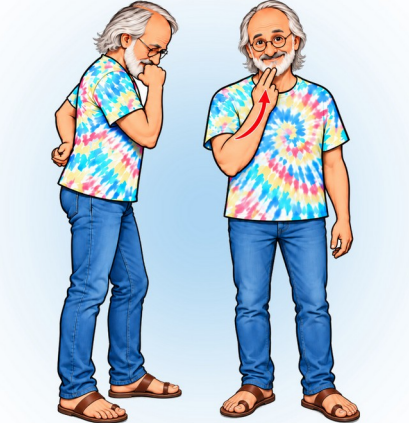
Four points per lesson from the Disciple Daily guides, including broader biblical and historical context.

## Jesus Comes

Lessons 1 and 2

### 1. Greece - Language

Daniel 8:21-22; John 19:20



#### My Talking Points

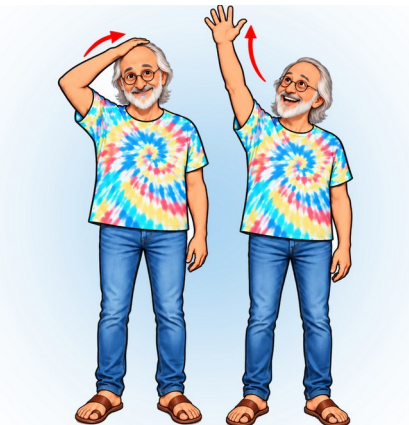
1. God used Greece, Israel, and Rome during the four centuries before Jesus' birth to prepare the world for His arrival.
2. Alexander the Great conquered Persia, whose empire had ruled Israel when the Old Testament period came to its close.
3. Greek rulers sought to unite their empire through a shared language and culture, establishing educational centers throughout the lands they conquered.
4. Greek became widely understood; the Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek, and the New Testament was written in that shared language.

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### 2. Israel - Hopes

Luke 2:25-38



#### My Talking Points

1. Israel's idolatry led to foreign conquest and exile; God later brought many of His people home, as Jeremiah had foretold.
2. Even after returning to their land, the Jewish people lived under Greek domination and continued hoping for freedom and self-rule.
3. The Maccabean revolt, led by Judah, helped restore Jewish self-rule; that period of independence lasted roughly a century before Rome's conquest.
4. The kipa worn by Jewish men in synagogue symbolizes submission to Israel's God, the One in whom His people place their hope.

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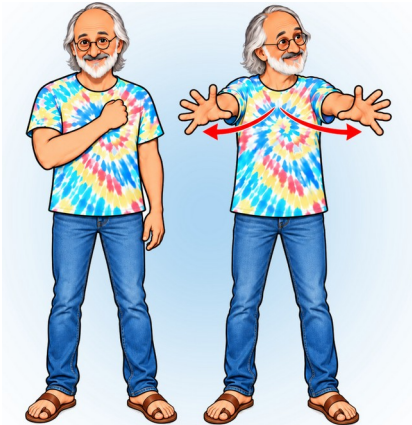
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## Jesus Comes

Lessons 3 and 4

### 3. Rome - Roads

Luke 2:1-5; 3:1-2



#### My Talking Points

1. Israel's period of independence ended as Roman power advanced; General Pompey besieged Jerusalem in 63 B.C. and brought it under Rome.
2. Rome built an extensive road network to extend imperial authority, allowing its legions to move quickly across conquered territories.
3. Imperial roads also carried news rapidly between communities, making distant places more closely connected than they had been before.
4. Those same roads connected large and small cities, providing routes for Jesus' followers to carry the Good News throughout the empire.

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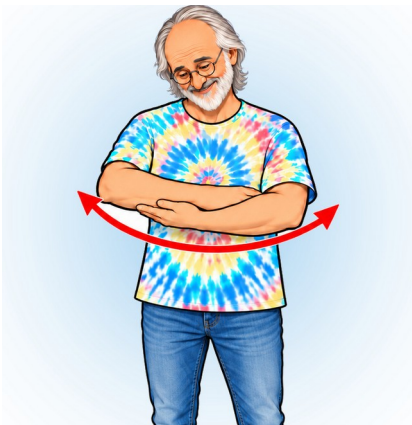
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### 4. Birth

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:6-20



#### My Talking Points

1. Jesus' birth fulfilled God's unfolding plan: the prophets identified a virgin mother, Bethlehem as His birthplace, and the approaching time of Messiah.
2. Caesar Augustus's census required Joseph and Mary to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, placing them where the promised Messiah would be born.
3. Jesus' family later fled to Egypt for safety; when the danger passed, they returned to Israel and settled in Nazareth.
4. In Nazareth, Jesus grew in wisdom, physical maturity, and favor with God and people, preparing for public ministry at about thirty.

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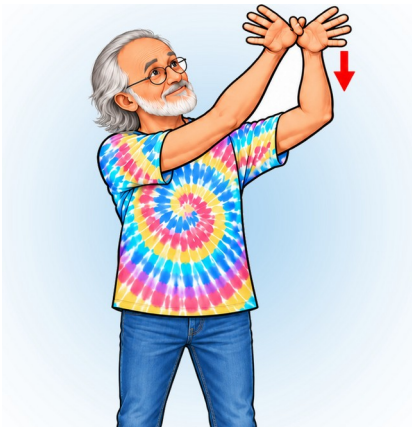
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## Jesus Comes

Lessons 5 and 6

### 5. Baptized by John

Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-18, 21-22; John 1:19-34



#### My Talking Points

1. John called Israel to repent and prepare for the promised Messiah, teaching his followers to follow Jesus when He appeared.
2. Jesus came to John for baptism, marking the beginning of His public ministry when He was about thirty years old.
3. His baptism identified Him with humanity and Israel; John identified Jesus as God's Lamb, who takes away the world's sin.
4. At Jesus' baptism, the Father's voice and the Holy Spirit publicly affirmed His identity and authority as the Son of God.

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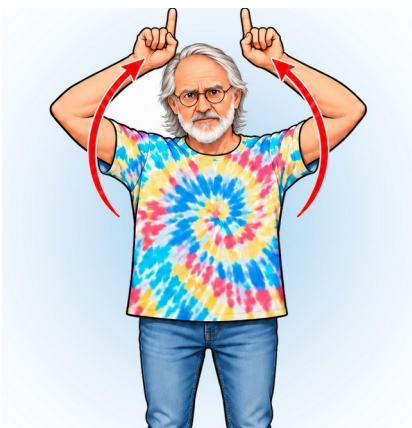
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### 6. Tempted by Satan

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13



#### My Talking Points

1. After His baptism, Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, echoing Israel's forty years of wandering before entering the Promised Land.
2. Satan confronted Jesus with three temptations when fasting had left Him hungry, testing whether He would remain obedient to His Father.
3. Jesus answered every temptation with words from Deuteronomy, relying on what God had written instead of accepting what Satan offered.
4. His victory displayed sinless humanity and divine identity, showing Him qualified to be God's Lamb who takes away the world's sin.

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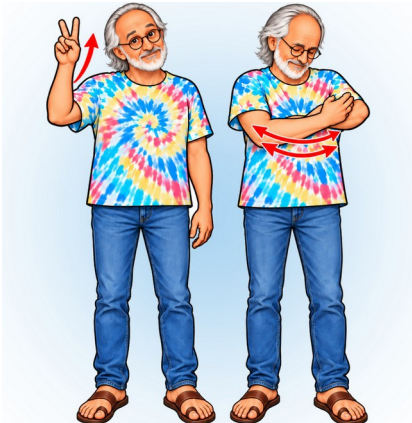
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## Jesus Comes

Lessons 7 and 8

### 7. Second Birth

John 3:1-21



#### My Talking Points

1. At the first Passover of His public ministry, Jesus challenged corruption at the Temple, stirring anger, curiosity, and questions about His authority.
2. Nicodemus, an influential Pharisee and teacher, came to Jesus at night, recognizing that His miraculous signs demonstrated that God was with Him.
3. Jesus taught that entering God's kingdom requires birth from above; Jewish ancestry and religious achievement could not supply that new life.
4. Jesus used the Son of Man and the lifted serpent to reveal His identity and explain how faith in Him brings salvation.

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### 8. Woman at the Well

John 4:1-42



#### My Talking Points

1. Jesus met a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, crossing longstanding divisions of nationality, religion, and gender to speak with her.
2. Through a compassionate conversation, Jesus addressed the woman's questions and revealed Himself as the Messiah whom she and her people awaited.
3. After meeting Jesus, the woman returned to Sychar and told her neighbors about the remarkable man who knew her life.
4. Many Samaritans came to believe in Jesus through her witness, showing how one person's encounter with Him could transform a community.

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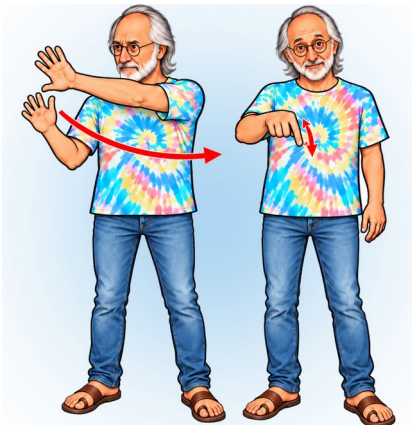
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## Jesus Ministers

Lessons 9 and 10

### 9. Rejection - Selection

Luke 4:16-30; 6:12-16; Matthew 13:54-58; 10:1-4; Mark 6:1-6; 3:13-19



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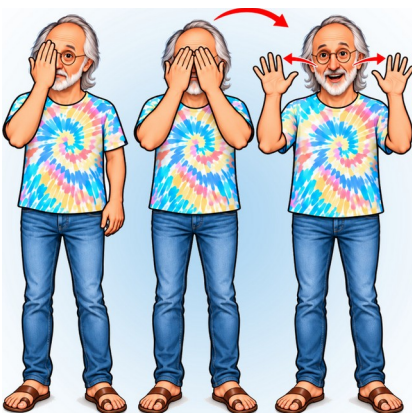
1. In Nazareth's synagogue, Jesus read Isaiah's promise of deliverance and announced that He Himself fulfilled the Messianic hope of His people.
2. His hometown turned against Him when He spoke of God's mercy reaching Gentiles; the crowd tried to kill Him, but He escaped.
3. After praying through the night, Jesus chose twelve disciples for close companionship and intensive preparation to carry on His work.
4. The Twelve were to learn His words, practice His ministry, obey sacrificially, and teach others, accepting the cost of representing Him.

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### 10. Parables - Miracles

Matthew 13:1-53; 8:23-34; 9:18-26; Mark 4:1-5:43; Luke 8:4-18, 22-56



#### My Talking Points

1. When Jesus freed a demon-possessed man, religious leaders credited Satan; their rejection marked a turning point in the direction of His ministry.
2. Jesus used parables to explain kingdom truths to His disciples while concealing them from people who had rejected His Messianic claims.
3. The kingdom parables prepared His disciples for their future mission, introducing Jesus and His kingdom message to people beyond Israel.
4. His miracles demonstrated authority over nature, demons, disease, and death, strengthening the faith of those learning to follow Him.

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## Jesus Ministers

Lessons 11 and 12

### 11. Testimony of Peter

Matthew 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21



#### My Talking Points

1. Jesus brought His disciples to Caesarea Philippi, where pagan worship provided the setting for a decisive conversation about His identity.
2. Many people called Jesus a prophet, suggesting John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah; their answers fell short of His true identity.
3. Asked who they believed Jesus was, Peter openly identified Him as Israel's Messiah and the Son of the living God.
4. Peter's confession anticipates the acknowledgment everyone will one day make, whether during this life or in the life to come.

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### 12. Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36



#### My Talking Points

1. Soon after Peter's confession, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain, drawing His closest disciples into a remarkable revelation.
2. Jesus revealed His heavenly glory through brilliant light shining from His person and clothing, giving the three disciples a glimpse of His majesty.
3. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus and discussed His approaching departure in Jerusalem, pointing toward His death and the victory to follow.
4. Jesus told the three disciples to keep this experience private until His resurrection, rather than immediately sharing what they had witnessed.

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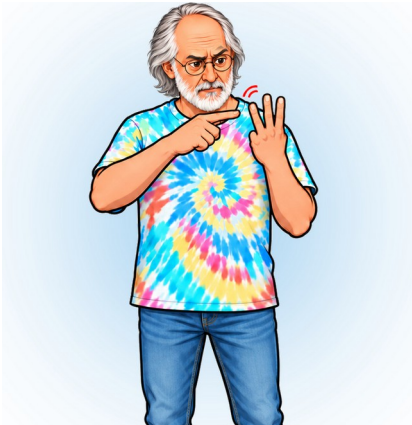
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## Jesus Ministers

Lessons 13 and 14

## 13. Counting the Cost

Luke 14:25-35; Matthew 10:37-39; 5:13; Mark 9:50



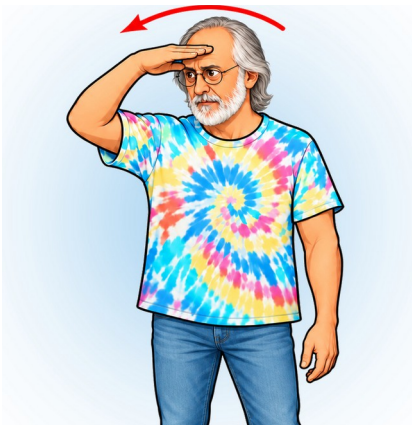
## My Talking Points

1. After Jesus declared His divine identity in Jerusalem, opponents tried to stone Him; He withdrew across the Jordan toward Perea.
2. Jesus taught His disciples to expect rejection and persecution as He did, recognizing that faithfully following Him could cost their lives.
3. Counting the cost is a daily discipline: choosing obedience to Jesus means repeatedly refusing the competing claims of the world.
4. Delight in God's Word and meditate on it continually; a steady, unafraid presence in troubled times can open doors for Gospel conversations.

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## 14. Seeking the Lost

Luke 15:1-32; Matthew 18:12-14



## My Talking Points

1. Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them despite criticism from religious leaders, recognizing people He had come to reclaim and restore.
2. Once someone belongs to Jesus, He does not abandon that person; when His followers drift away, He brings them back.
3. Read the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son together: each had belonged to a larger whole before becoming lost.
4. The three connected stories portray restoration: what belongs to Jesus will be found, and His community will not remain permanently broken.

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## Jesus Ministers

Lessons 15 and 16

### 15. Lazarus Raised

John 11:1-44



#### My Talking Points

1. Mary and Martha sent word that Lazarus was gravely ill, but Jesus delayed His return so God's glory would be revealed.
2. When Jesus reached Bethany, Lazarus had been dead four days; the sisters' grief showed how final their loss appeared to them.
3. Jesus ordered the tomb opened and called Lazarus out; the man who had died emerged alive at His powerful command.
4. Jesus' victory over death called people to faith, yet the religious leaders responded by deciding that He must be killed.

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### 16. Zacchaeus Praised

Luke 19:1-10



#### My Talking Points

1. Passing through Jericho toward Jerusalem, Jesus noticed Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector who had climbed a tree to see Him.
2. Jesus chose to visit Zacchaeus's home, angering the crowd because their despised tax collector was receiving His attention and friendship.
3. Zacchaeus demonstrated changed priorities by promising half his possessions to the poor and fourfold repayment to anyone he had defrauded.
4. Jesus affirmed Zacchaeus as a son of Abraham and announced salvation in his home: the Son of Man seeks and saves the lost.

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## Jesus Dies & Lives

Lessons 17 and 18

### 17. Triumphal Entry

Luke 19:28-44; Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-19



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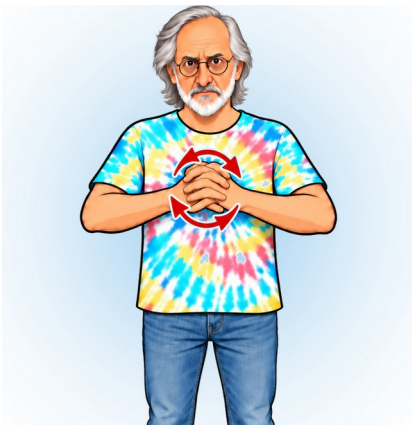
1. John the Baptist identified Jesus as God's Lamb; His entrance into Jerusalem began the countdown to His sacrifice at Passover.
2. Riding a donkey that had never been ridden, Jesus fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy of the humble King coming to His people.
3. The crowds welcomed Jesus with praise from Psalm 118, spreading garments along His route and celebrating His arrival in Jerusalem.
4. Many expected liberation from Rome and the immediate Messianic Kingdom, but Jesus had come to fulfill His mission as the sacrificial Lamb.

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### 18. Temple Cleansing

Luke 19:45-48; Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19



#### My Talking Points

1. In His Father's house, Jesus was examined during Passover preparations as the unblemished Lamb who would soon be sacrificed.
2. Money changers and sellers exploited worshipers for profit, turning the Temple's worship space into a marketplace that obstructed prayer.
3. As households removed leaven for Passover, Jesus removed corruption from His Father's house, exposing sin disguised as religious service.
4. Jesus condemned the Temple's corruption as robbery; religious authorities, threatened by His cleansing of their profitable system, plotted His death.

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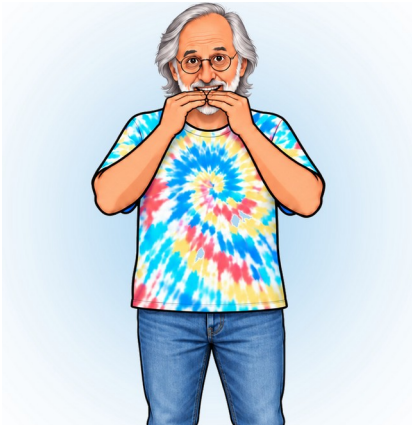
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Lessons 19 and 20

### 19. Last Passover

Luke 22:7-20; Matthew 26:17-29; Mark 14:12-25; John 13:1-30



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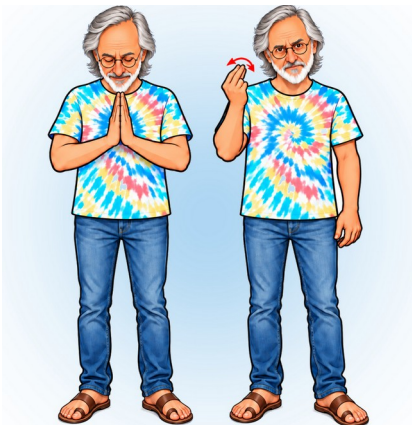
1. At His last Passover meal, Jesus connected Israel's rescue from Egyptian slavery with the deliverance His own sacrifice would provide.
2. By washing His disciples' feet, Jesus taught that true greatness and leadership are expressed through humble service to other people.
3. Jesus identified the unleavened bread with His sinless body and the cup with His blood, establishing remembrance of the New Covenant.
4. Jesus prepared His disciples for their coming failure and His resurrection, promising the Holy Spirit to guide them after His departure.

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### 20. Prayed - Betrayed

Luke 22:39-53; Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-52; John 18:1-12



#### My Talking Points

1. After the Passover meal, Jesus led the remaining eleven disciples across the Kidron Valley to Gethsemane, where He prepared through prayer.
2. In deep anguish, Jesus asked that the cup pass from Him, yet willingly submitted His desire to the Father's will.
3. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, the compensation specified in the Law for a slave killed by an ox.
4. Jesus knew the betrayal and suffering awaiting Him, yet stepped forward willingly, demonstrating God's love for people who had sinned.

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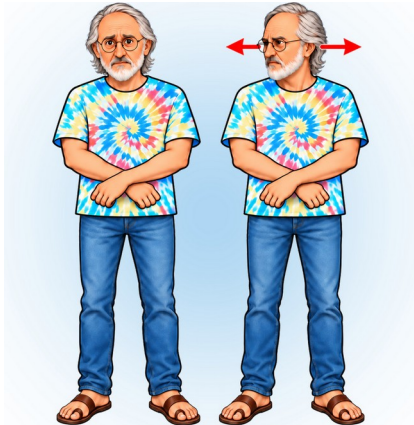
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## Jesus Dies & Lives

Lessons 21 and 22

### 21. Tried - Denied

Luke 22:54-71; 23:1-25; Matthew 26:57-27:26; Mark 14:53-15:15; John 18:13-19:16



#### My Talking Points

1. Between His arrest and crucifixion, Jesus endured six trials: three before Jewish authorities and three before representatives of Roman rule.
2. Unsubstantiated accusations of blasphemy sought a death sentence, but Roman authority prevented the Jewish court from carrying out an execution.
3. While Jesus stood before His accusers, Peter denied knowing Him three times, fulfilling the warning Jesus had given earlier that night.
4. The Roman proceedings found no crime deserving death, yet Pilate condemned Jesus to crucifixion under pressure to preserve public order.

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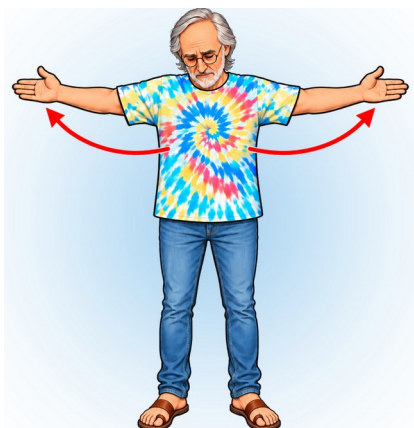
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### 22. Crucified

Luke 23:26-49; Matthew 27:27-56; Mark 15:16-41; John 19:17-37



#### My Talking Points

1. Although Pilate found no valid charge against Jesus, he yielded to pressure from religious leaders and the crowd demanding crucifixion.
2. Pilate tried to wash away responsibility, but surrendering an innocent man to death made him accountable for injustice and political cowardice.
3. Roman soldiers crucified Jesus at Golgotha between two criminals, and His body was later placed in a rich man's tomb.
4. Jesus' death fulfilled Scripture and advanced God's promised victory over Satan; the cross was a turning point, never the story's ending.

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## Jesus Dies & Lives

Lessons 23 and 24

### 23. Resurrected

Luke 24:1-49; Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; John 20:1-21:25



#### My Talking Points

1. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, just as He had promised and as the Scriptures had foretold.
2. Women arriving at the tomb found it open and empty; heavenly messengers announced that the living Jesus was no longer there.
3. Over forty days, the risen Jesus appeared to individuals, small groups, and more than five hundred witnesses, confirming His bodily resurrection.
4. Jesus explained how the Law, Prophets, and Writings pointed to Him, replacing His followers' fear with confidence to tell His story.

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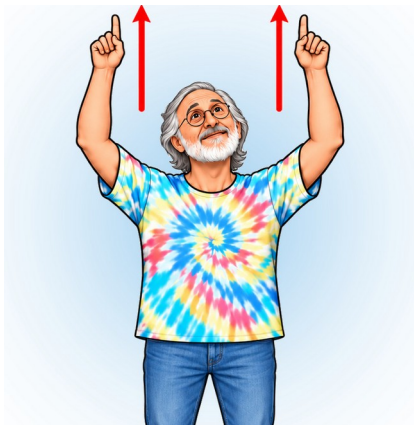
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### 24. Ascended

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-11; Mark 16:19-20



#### My Talking Points

1. For forty days after His resurrection, Jesus instructed His followers in the Scriptures concerning the Messiah and His earthly mission.
2. Before ascending from the Mount of Olives, Jesus told His followers to return to Jerusalem and await the promised Holy Spirit.
3. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they would become His witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the whole world.
4. As Jesus ascended visibly into heaven, angels assured His watching followers that He would return in the same manner, in glory.

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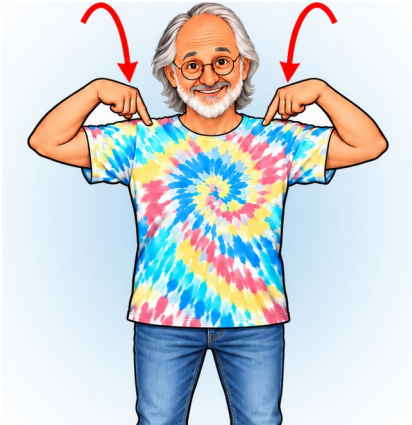
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## Birth of the Church

Lessons 25 and 26

### 25. Spirit

Acts 2:1-41



#### My Talking Points

1. The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, ten days after Jesus ascended, fulfilling His promise to send the Comforter to His followers.
2. A sound like wind and tongues like fire marked the Spirit's coming; believers spoke new languages, so visiting Jews heard God's mighty works.
3. Peter proclaimed Jesus through the Scriptures and called his hearers to repent, changing their minds about the Messiah they had rejected.
4. About three thousand people believed and were baptized, publicly identifying with Jesus and joining the new community empowered by His Spirit.

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### 26. Community

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37



#### My Talking Points

1. The first believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, learning how Jesus had instructed His followers to live together.
2. Their fellowship united people of different backgrounds; believers used Spirit-given gifts and shared resources to meet one another's needs.
3. They ate together from house to house, making the table a place for close relationships, instruction, and shared life.
4. They prayed together for God's direction, and their visible love drew others to faith as the new community continued growing.

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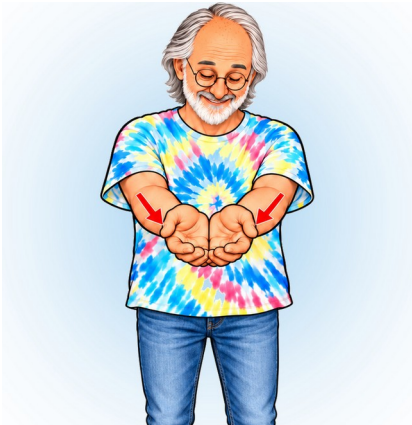
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## Birth of the Church

Lessons 27 and 28

### 27. Servant Leaders

Acts 6:1-7



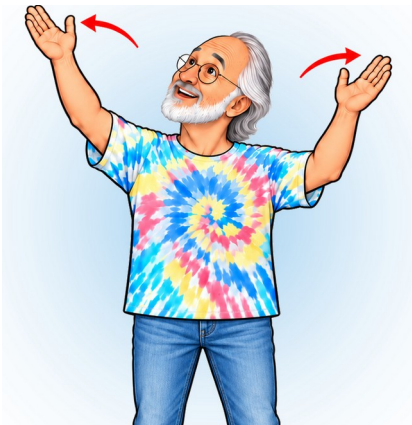
#### My Talking Points

1. Greek-speaking widows were being overlooked in the daily food distribution, exposing a serious need within Jerusalem's growing community of believers.
2. The apostles delegated practical care so they could devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word, serving the growing community.
3. The community selected seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whose character equipped them to serve.
4. By involving the community and caring for neglected people, servant leaders strengthened unity while the church continued growing spiritually and numerically.

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### 28. Stephen

Acts 6:8-7:60



#### My Talking Points

1. Stephen, one of the seven servant leaders, became a powerful Gospel witness whose preaching and signs drew both faith and opposition.
2. False witnesses accused Stephen of blasphemy, but he answered before the Sanhedrin by tracing Israel's history and testifying to Jesus.
3. Stephen saw Jesus standing beside the Father and remained faithful as his enraged opponents stoned him, forgiving those who killed him.
4. As the church's first recorded martyr, Stephen's death marked an escalation of persecution that ultimately carried the Gospel beyond Jerusalem.

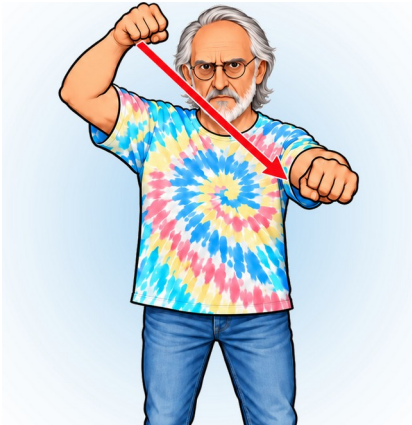
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## Birth of the Church

Lessons 29 and 30

### 29. Persecution

Acts 8:1-3



#### My Talking Points

1. Stephen's persuasive witness to Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah contributed to the church's growth and intensified hostility from religious leaders.
2. Saul of Tarsus supported Stephen's death and became a leading persecutor, carrying out the authorities' campaign against the followers of Jesus.
3. Violent persecution scattered believers from Jerusalem into surrounding cities and regions, carrying the Gospel beyond its first center of growth.
4. God used the suffering of His people to advance the mission Jesus announced: witnesses throughout Judea, Samaria, and the entire world.

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### 30. Philip's Preaching

Acts 8:4-40



#### My Talking Points

1. Scattered by persecution, Philip took the Gospel to Samaria, where Jesus' earlier ministry had already prepared people to believe in Him.
2. Philip proclaimed the risen Jesus, and confirming miracles drew many Samaritans to faith, extending the church beyond Jerusalem's Jewish community.
3. An angel directed Philip toward Gaza, and the Spirit led him to an Ethiopian official who was reading from Isaiah.
4. Beginning with Isaiah, Philip explained the good news of Jesus; the official believed, was baptized, and continued his journey rejoicing.

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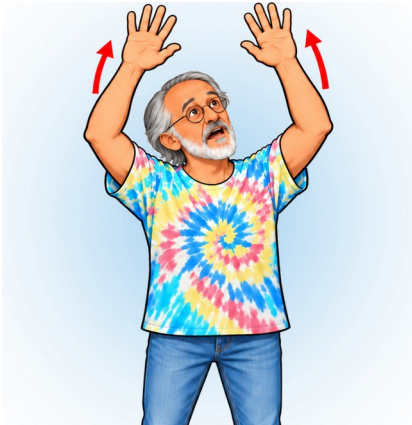
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## Birth of the Church

Lessons 31 and 32

### 31. Paul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-31



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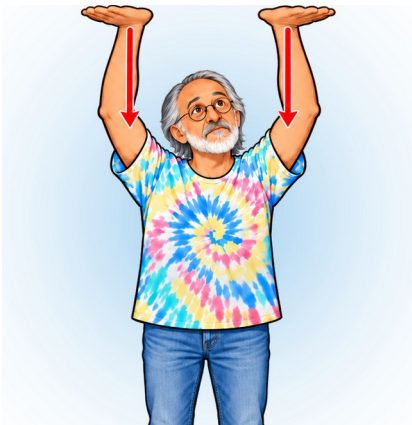
1. Saul traveled toward Damascus to arrest Jesus' followers, but the risen Lord confronted him and identified their persecution as persecution of Himself.
2. The encounter left Saul physically blind but spiritually awakened; Jesus directed him into Damascus to await what would happen next.
3. Ananias obeyed the Lord despite fearing Saul's reputation; he prayed for Saul, whose sight was restored before he was baptized.
4. The former persecutor became a devoted proclaimer of Jesus, demonstrating the life-changing power of meeting the living Lord and following Him.

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### 32. Peter's Vision

Acts 10:1-11:18



#### My Talking Points

1. Cornelius, a God-fearing Roman centurion, prayed and gave generously. God directed him to send for Peter in Joppa.
2. Peter saw a sheet of animals three times. God told him not to call common what He had cleansed.
3. Led by the Spirit, Peter entered Cornelius's home and explained the vision: he must not call any person common or unclean.
4. Peter proclaimed Jesus' death, resurrection, and forgiveness. Believing Gentiles received the Holy Spirit and baptism; Jerusalem recognized God's gift of repentance leading to life.

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## Letters & Revelation

Lessons 33 and 34

### 33. 1st Missionary Journey - Law?

Acts 13:1-14:28



#### My Talking Points

1. The Holy Spirit set apart Barnabas and Saul. Antioch's congregation prayed, fasted, and sent them to proclaim God's Word in Cyprus.
2. At Paphos, Paul confronted a false prophet opposing the Gospel. The Roman proconsul believed, astonished at the Lord's teaching.
3. In Pisidian Antioch, Paul traced Israel's promises to Jesus and proclaimed forgiveness and justification through faith, which the Law could not accomplish.
4. They endured opposition in Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, strengthened disciples, and appointed elders. Back in Antioch, they reported God's open door of faith to Gentiles.

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### 34. Council - Grace

Acts 15:1-35



#### My Talking Points

1. Some insisted Gentiles must be circumcised to be saved. Paul and Barnabas disputed this claim and brought the question to Jerusalem's apostles and elders.
2. Peter recalled that God gave believing Gentiles the Holy Spirit and cleansed their hearts by faith. Jews and Gentiles are saved through Jesus' grace.
3. Barnabas and Paul described God's work among Gentiles. James showed that welcoming the nations agreed with the prophets and God's purposes.
4. The council refused to require Gentiles to become Jews. Its encouraging letter called them to avoid idolatrous defilement, sexual immorality, strangled meat, and blood.

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## Letters & Revelation

Lessons 35 and 36

### 35. 2nd Missionary Journey - Call

Acts 15:36-18:22



#### My Talking Points

1. After Paul chose Silas, Timothy joined them. With a Jewish mother and Greek father, Timothy was circumcised to remove a ministry barrier, never to earn salvation.
2. The Spirit redirected the missionaries. Paul's vision at Troas led them to conclude that God was calling them to Macedonia.
3. In Philippi, Lydia believed. After Paul and Silas were imprisoned, an earthquake opened the prison; the jailer and his household heard, believed, and were baptized.
4. In Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth, Paul proclaimed Jesus amid varied responses, reasoning from Scripture and explaining the Creator and resurrection to Gentile hearers.

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### 36. 3rd Missionary Journey - Build

Acts 18:23-21:16



#### My Talking Points

1. Paul strengthened disciples. Priscilla and Aquila instructed Apollos more accurately; separately, Paul taught people who knew only John's baptism about its fulfillment in Jesus.
2. Extended teaching in Ephesus spread God's Word. Believers renounced magic, and the Gospel's challenge to idolatry and commerce provoked a riot.
3. Paul encouraged believers in Macedonia and Greece. At Troas, Eutychus fell from a window and was restored to life before Paul continued toward Jerusalem.
4. At Miletus, Paul charged the Ephesian elders to shepherd God's flock and guard against false teachers. Despite warnings of suffering, he continued toward Jerusalem.

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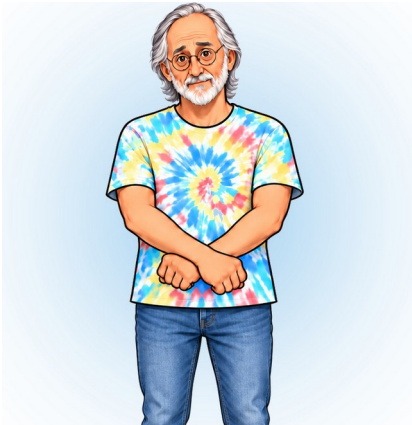
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## Letters & Revelation

Lessons 37 and 38

### 37. Trials

Acts 21:17-26:32



#### My Talking Points

1. In Jerusalem, Paul joined a purification rite to counter rumors about his teaching. False temple-defilement accusations sparked violence, and Roman soldiers intervened.
2. Paul told the crowd about his Jewish upbringing, encounter with the risen Jesus, and Gentile commission. When they erupted, he asserted his Roman citizenship.
3. Paul testified to resurrection hope before the Sanhedrin. A murder plot prompted transfer to Caesarea, where Felix kept him in custody for two years.
4. Paul appealed to Caesar and testified before Agrippa about Messiah's suffering, resurrection, and call to repentance. Agrippa and Festus found no crime deserving death or imprisonment.

My notes

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### 38. Fourth Journey - Rome

Acts 27:1-28:31



#### My Talking Points

1. Paul traveled to Rome as a prisoner under Julius. Despite Paul's warning, the centurion followed the pilot and shipowner into dangerous sailing conditions.
2. During a violent storm, an angel assured Paul he would stand before Caesar and everyone aboard would survive. Paul urged courage and trust in God.
3. Paul warned against the sailors' escape and urged everyone to eat. The ship broke apart, but all 276 people reached land safely.
4. Paul survived a viper bite and ministered on Malta. In Rome, he explained Israel's hope and boldly taught about God's kingdom and Jesus under guard.

My notes

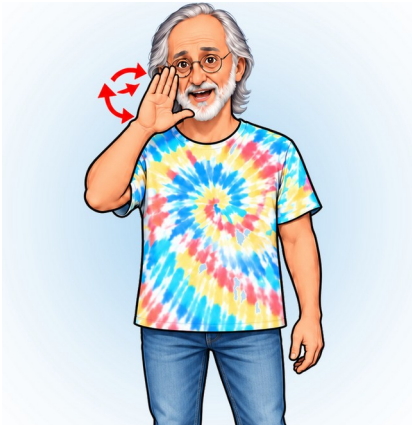
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## Letters & Revelation

Lessons 39 and 40

### 39. Apostles Speak

1 John 1:1-4; 2 Peter 3:1-2



#### My Talking Points

1. John grounded the apostles' message in firsthand experience: they heard, saw, and touched Jesus, the Word of Life.
2. The eternal life that was with the Father was revealed in Jesus. The apostles saw Him and testified to what God had made known.
3. They proclaimed Jesus so others could share fellowship with the Father, His Son, and His people, bringing fullness of joy.
4. Peter called believers to remember the holy prophets and the Lord's command delivered through His apostles, keeping their teaching together.

#### My notes

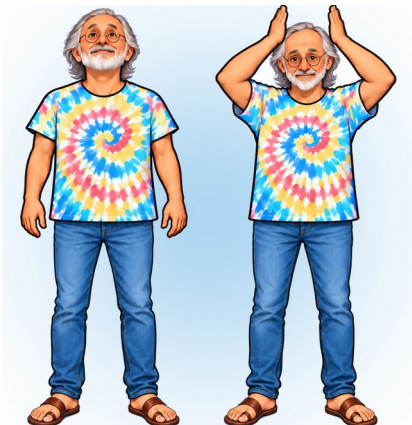
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### 40. Wait - Messiah

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 22:12-20



#### My Talking Points

1. Believers grieve with hope because Jesus died and rose again. Those who have died in Him remain included in His promised return.
2. The dead in Messiah will rise first; living believers will join them to meet the Lord. Paul tells believers to encourage one another with this hope.
3. Jesus promises to come with His recompense. He is the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, the Beginning and End.
4. The Spirit and Bride call, "Come." The thirsty are invited to receive life freely, and believers answer Jesus' promise with longing for His return.

#### My notes

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