



Beyond Explanation



Four Week Devotion

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The tomb was sealed, but Jesus came out. The disciples were hiding, but fire fell. Religion stood in the temple, but the relationship walked in the streets.

The world cannot explain it.

The Unexplained Man

Week One

Day 1 – The Man Who Makes God Visible/ First Over Everything

Colossians 1:15

“He is the image of the invisible God...” “The firstborn over all creation.” Jesus is not merely a reflection of God—He is the visible revelation of the invisible God. God became understandable. The unseen stepped into skin. When Philip said, “Show us the Father,” Jesus responded, “If you’ve seen Me, you’ve seen the Father.” Easter reminds us: God did not send a message—He came Himself. What does your view of Jesus say about your view of God? This does not mean Jesus was created. It means He holds rank, authority, and supremacy. The unexplained man is not just Savior—He is Sovereign. Before Bethlehem, He was; before the cross, He reigned; before the tomb, He ruled. Easter is not about a victim—it’s about a King who chose a cross.

Reflection Question:

Is Christ first in your life or just part of it?

Day 2 – Holding It All Together/ Head of the Church

Colossians 1:17-18

“In Him all things consist.” “He is the head of the body, the church...” He holds galaxies together. He holds history together. He held Himself on the cross when He could have come down. Even in death, He was sustaining the world that was rejecting Him. The unexplained man was never out of control—not even on Friday. Where do you need to trust that He is still holding things together? The cross was not the end—it was the beginning of a redeemed people. Easter didn’t just produce forgiveness; it gave birth to the Church. The unexplained man walked out of the tomb and took His rightful place as Head. We are not led by culture. We are not led by fear. We are led by the risen Christ.

Reflection Question:

Are you following His leadership daily?

Day 3 The Storm Was Real

Mark 4:39-41

This was not a light drizzle. The Sea of Galilee is known for sudden, violent squalls. Several of the disciples were seasoned fishermen. If they were afraid, the storm was serious. Water was filling the boat. Fear was filling their hearts. And Jesus was asleep. The unexplained authority of Jesus does not prevent storms — but it governs them. Sometimes the presence of Jesus in your boat does not stop the storm from forming. But it guarantees the storm does not have final authority. Verse 39 says He rebuked the wind. The word implies command — even confrontation. “Peace, be still.” Literally: “Be muzzled.” He didn’t negotiate with the storm. He didn’t shout repeatedly, He spoke once. And nature obeyed, no ritual, no delay, no struggle, immediate obedience. This is Genesis language. The One who spoke “Let there be” now speaks again — and chaos submits. The wind did not debate Him, the sea did not resist Him, creation recognized its Creator.

Reflection Question:

What in your life do you need to let Jesus speak to?

Day 4 The Unexplained Power of Jesus

Mark 1:40–42

A leper comes to Jesus, kneels before Him, and says, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.” Jesus is moved with compassion. He reaches out. He touches him. And immediately the leprosy leaves. Leprosy in biblical times wasn’t just a sickness — it was a sentence. According to the Law in Book of Leviticus 13–14, lepers were isolated, declared unclean, and separated from worship and community. This man didn’t just lose his health. He lost his place. Yet he comes to Jesus. Notice his words: He doesn’t doubt Jesus’ ability. He questions His willingness. “If You are willing...” That’s where many people live today. We believe Jesus can heal. We just aren’t sure He wants to heal us. We know He’s powerful — we’re just not sure He’s personal. But verse 41 says Jesus was moved with compassion. And then He does the unthinkable, He touches him. Before the miracle, there was a touch. Before the cleansing, there was compassion. In that culture, touching a leper would make you ceremonially unclean. But when Jesus touched this man, something different happened. That’s unexplained power. Everywhere else in life, brokenness spreads. Disease spreads. Negativity spreads. But when Jesus enters the picture, holiness spreads. Restoration spreads. Life spreads. And the Bible says “immediately” the leprosy left him. The unexplained power of Jesus is this: He is not contaminated by what He touches — He transforms what He touches. That same Jesus still moves with compassion today. He still touches what others avoid. He still restores what others write off. Maybe the real miracle in this story isn’t just the healing — it’s that Jesus was willing to touch what everyone else rejected.

Reflection Question:

What area of your life feels “untouchable” — something you believe Jesus can change, but you’re unsure He’s willing to touch?

Day 5 The Unexplained Words of Jesus

John 7:45–46

They couldn’t fully explain it. They just said: No one talks like Him. These officers had heard rabbis teach. They had heard debates in the temple. But when Jesus spoke, something was different. His words didn’t just inform — they penetrated. When Jesus speaks, He doesn’t just reach your ears — He reaches your heart. The religious leaders were frustrated. The officers were conflicted. The crowd was divided. Jesus’ words always draw a line. They comfort the humble and confront the proud. They heal the hungry but unsettle the hardened. You can ignore many voices in life — but you can’t casually dismiss His. Notice something powerful: The officers didn’t arrest Him — but they also didn’t yet follow Him. They were moved... but not transformed; impressed... but not committed. It’s possible to admire Jesus’ words and still not surrender to them. The unexplained words of Jesus still have that effect today. Some walk away amazed. Some walk away angry. Some walk away changed. The same voice that stopped trained officers in their tracks is still speaking through Scripture today; when Jesus speaks, something happens. The real question is not; why does He speak this way, it’s what will I do with what He says?

Reflection Question:

When was the last time the words of Jesus stopped you in your tracks — and did you obey what He said?

Day 6 The Unexplained Compassion of Jesus

Mark 1:41

In this verse, Jesus sees a man suffering from leprosy and is “filled with compassion.” What’s striking is that the text doesn’t explain why—He simply acts. His compassion is unconditional and active. He touches the man, breaking social and religious barriers, and brings healing—not just to his body, but to his spirit and place in the community. This challenges us today: true compassion moves first. It doesn’t wait for someone to deserve it; it reaches out to the hurting, the lonely, and the overlooked. Sometimes, a small act of love—a word, a gesture, a presence—can bring God’s healing into someone’s life.

Reflection Question:

Who in your life needs your compassion today, even if it doesn’t make sense to reach out? How can you act like Jesus in that moment?

Day 7 The Unexplained Identity of Jesus

Colossians 1:16-17

It's amazing—and even a little unsettling—that there is so much about Jesus we cannot fully explain. Colossians 1:16-17 reveals profound truths: He is not just a historical figure or a moral teacher—He is the Creator, the sustainer of all things, both seen and unseen. Every star, every ocean wave, every heartbeat exists because of Him. And yet, His full identity stretches beyond our comprehension. We often try to fit Jesus into categories we can understand, but scripture reminds us: His identity is vast, mysterious, and eternal. He holds everything together, yet He is intimately near. The unexplained nature of Jesus is not a limitation—it's an invitation. It's an invitation to trust Him, to rely on Him, and to marvel at a Savior whose greatness surpasses our understanding.

Reflection Question:

If Jesus is the Creator and sustainer of all things, how does that change the way you see your daily life, your struggles, and your purpose?

The Unexplained Cross

Week Two

Day 1 – The Justice of the Cross

Scripture: Romans 3:25–26

The cross is not just an act of mercy; it is a declaration of justice. God did not ignore sin. He did not sweep it under heaven's rug. Justice demanded payment. Holiness required satisfaction. The cross proves that God is both just and the justifier. At Calvary, righteousness and mercy kissed. The penalty was not reduced — it was paid. Every sin, every rebellion, every hidden thought was accounted for. The unexplained part? The Judge stepped down from the bench and took the sentence Himself.

Reflection Questions:

- *Do I treat sin lightly when God treated it so seriously?*
- *Am I living in gratitude for a fully paid debt?*

Day 2 – The Exchange of the Cross

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:21

The cross is the greatest exchange in history. He took my sin and I received His righteousness. He took my shame; I received His acceptance. He took my death; I received His life. This is not improvement — it is substitution. The unexplained mystery? The sinless One became sin so the guilty could become righteous. We don't work for this exchange. We receive it.

Reflection Questions:

- *Am I still trying to earn what was already exchanged?*
- *Do I live as someone clothed in righteousness?*

Day 3 – The Triumph of the Cross

Scripture: Colossians 2:14–15

The cross did not end in defeat — it resulted in triumph. What looked like weakness was warfare. What looked like loss was victory. The enemy thought it was crushing the Son of God. Instead, it was sealing its own defeat. At the cross:

- The accusation was canceled.
- The record was nailed to a tree.
- The powers were disarmed.

The unexplained wonder? Victory came through surrender.

Reflection Questions:

- *Where in my life does defeat actually hide divine victory?*
- *Am I fighting battles Christ has already won?*

Day 4 – The Love of the Cross

Scripture: John 3:16

The cross is heaven's loudest declaration of love. Love is not a feeling at Calvary; it is a sacrifice. God didn't just say "I love you." He demonstrated it publicly, painfully, permanently.

The unexplained truth? He loved us at our worst. Not cleaned up, not improved, not promising to do better. The cross says: You were worth dying for.

Reflection Questions:

- *Do I truly believe God loves me personally?*
- *Does the cross shape how I love others?*

Day 5 – The Access of the Cross

Scripture: Hebrews 10:19–22

Before the cross, access was restricted. After the cross, access is open. The veil was torn. Separation ended. The invitation was extended. Because of the cross:

- We approach boldly.
- We enter confidently.
- We belong as long as we keep a personal relationship with Christ

The unexplained reality? Sinners now stand in the presence of a holy God without fear. Access is not based on performance — it's based on the blood of Jesus.

Reflection Questions:

- *Do I approach God with boldness or hesitation?*
- *Am I using the access Christ purchased?*

Day 6 – The Call of the Cross

Scripture: Luke 9:23

The cross is not only something Jesus carried — it is something He calls us to carry. “Take up your cross.” The unexplained tension? We are saved by grace but called to surrender. The cross calls us to:

- Die to self.
- Live for Christ.
- Follow without conditions.

It's not comfortable — it's transformational.

Reflection Questions:

- *What part of my life resists surrender?*
- *Am I following Jesus or just admiring Him?*

Day 7 – The Hope of the Cross

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18

To some, the cross is foolishness; to us, it is power. The cross means:

- My past is forgiven.
- My present has purpose.
- My future is secure.

The unexplained glory? An instrument of execution became the symbol of eternal hope. The cross was not the end — it was the beginning.

Reflection Question:

Where would I be without the cross?

The Unexplained Tomb

Week Three

Day 1 – The Unexplained Tomb

Text: Gospel of Matthew 28:1–6

The tomb was supposed to be the end of the story. Rome sealed it. Religion secured it. A stone covered it. Soldiers guarded it; but heaven had other plans. When the women arrived, they weren't expecting resurrection — they were expecting to grieve. Instead, they encountered an angelic announcement: "He is not here." The greatest miracle in history happened in a borrowed tomb — and it was so powerful, no human explanation could contain it. The tomb is unexplained because death had never met Life before. And when Life showed up, death had to step aside.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What "sealed" situations in my life feel final?*
- 2. Where do I need to believe God for resurrection instead of resolution?*
- 3. Am I living as if the tomb is empty?*

Day 2 – The Stone That Couldn't Stop Him

Text: Gospel of Mark 16:3–4

"Who will roll away the stone?" The women worried about a stone that was already moved. The stone wasn't moved so Jesus could get out. It was moved so they could see in. God will move obstacles not always to release you — but to reveal something to you. Stones represent barriers: fear, doubt, opposition, impossibility. But no stone can stop resurrection power.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What stone am I focused on right now?*
- 2. Could it be that God has already handled what I'm worried about?*
- 3. What has God moved in my past that I once thought was immovable?*

Day 3 – The Seal That Couldn't Secure Him

Text: Gospel of Matthew 27:66

They sealed the stone and set a guard. A Roman seal was a symbol of authority. Breaking it meant death. But heaven was not intimidated by Rome's authority. When God makes a promise, no earthly system can cancel it. They thought they were sealing a grave — but they were fulfilling prophecy.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What authority or opposition intimidates me?*
- 2. Do I trust God's promise more than man's power?*
- 3. Where have I underestimated God's sovereignty?*

Day 4 – The Grave That Couldn't Hold Him

Text: Acts of the Apostles 2:24

“Death could not keep its hold on Him.” The grave has a track record of holding everyone — except Jesus. He didn't just survive death. He conquered it. The grave couldn't hold Him because there was no sin in Him. And because He rose, the grave has lost its final word over us. Resurrection isn't just something that happened — it's something that changed everything.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What feels like a “grave” season in my life?*
- 2. Do I truly believe death has lost its sting?*
- 3. How does the resurrection change how I face fear?*

Day 5 – The Clothes That Preached a Sermon

Text: Gospel of John 20:6–8

The grave clothes were folded. Lazarus needed someone to unwrap him. Jesus left His wrappings behind. Those folded linens preached silently: This wasn't a robbery. This wasn't panic. This was victory. If someone steals a body, they don't stop and fold laundry. The folded grave clothes declare: He is finished with death forever.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What grave clothes am I still wearing that Jesus already left behind?*
- 2. Am I walking in freedom or still bound by old habits?*
- 3. What silent testimony is my life preaching?*

Day 6 – The Life That Lives in You

Text: Romans 8:11

“The same Spirit...” Resurrection is not just historical — it is internal. The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in believers. You are not fighting for victory. You are living from victory. The power that emptied the tomb energizes your obedience, strengthens your weakness, and revives what feels dead inside you.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Do I live aware that resurrection power is within me?*
- 2. What area of my life needs resurrection today?*
- 3. How would I act differently if I truly believed His Spirit lives in me?*

Day 7 – From the Tomb to the Commission

Text: Gospel of Matthew 28:18–20

The unexplained tomb leads to an undeniable mission. Resurrection is never meant to be observed; it's meant to be proclaimed. The women ran. The disciples preached. The church was born. An empty tomb demands a full surrender. You cannot stand at the tomb and stay silent.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Who needs to hear what Jesus has done in my life?*
- 2. Am I living on mission because the tomb is empty?*
- 3. What step of obedience is God calling me to take this week?*

The Unexplained Change

Week Four

Day 1: From Unexplained Fear to Holy Fire

Text: Acts 2:1–4

The disciples who once hid behind locked doors are now standing boldly in the streets. What happened? Before Pentecost, fear ruled their decisions. After Pentecost, fire fueled their purpose. The same men who scattered at the crucifixion are now proclaiming Christ publicly. Fear asks, “What will happen to me?” Fire declares, “What can God do through me?” The Holy Spirit does not just comfort the fearful—He transforms them.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Where has fear been shaping my decisions?*
- 2. What would boldness look like in that area?*
- 3. Am I asking God to remove fear—or to fill me with fire?*

Day 2: From Unexplained Religion to Relationship

Text: John 15:15

Religion performs. Relationship abides. The Pharisees knew the law, but they did not recognize the Lord. The disciples stopped following rules alone and started walking with a risen Savior. Jesus didn’t die to improve religion; He rose to initiate relationship. Religion says, “Do more.” Relationship says, “Come closer.” The unexplained change happens when faith becomes personal.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Is my walk with God driven more by duty or desire?*
- 2. When was the last time I simply enjoyed His presence?*
- 3. What would it look like to “abide” instead of strive?*

Day 3: From Unexplained Work to New Creation

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:17

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...” Before Christ, we work for approval. In Christ, we work from transformation. This is not behavior modification, it’s identity transformation. The disciples didn’t just change habits. They became new people. Salvation is not self-improvement. It is a resurrection life.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Am I trying to fix myself instead of surrendering to Christ?*
- 2. What old identity do I still cling to?*
- 3. What does living as a “new creation” look like today?*

Day 4: From Unexplained Freedom to Lasting Change

Text: Galatians 5:1

Freedom is not the finish line—it’s the starting line. Israel was freed from Egypt, but they still thought like slaves. Likewise, we can be saved yet still live bound. True freedom produces transformation. Freedom from sin. Freedom from shame. Freedom from striving. But freedom must be stewarded.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Where am I free legally but still bound mentally?*
- 2. What habits contradict the freedom Christ purchased?*
- 3. How can I walk intentionally in my freedom today?*

Day 5: From Unexplained Doubt to Conviction

Text: John 20:27

Thomas moved from doubt to declaration: “My Lord and my God!” Encounters change everything. God is not intimidated by honest doubt—but He refuses to leave us there. Resurrection reality produces settled conviction. Doubt whispers; conviction declares.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What questions have I avoided bringing to God?*
- 2. Have I allowed doubt to isolate me?*
- 3. What would full surrender look like?*

Day 6: From Unexplained Waiting to Empowered Mission

Text: Acts 1:8

Jesus told them to wait before they went. Waiting is not inactivity—it is preparation. The Spirit empowers ordinary people for extraordinary impact. The mission is not sustained by passion alone but by power. We don't go because we are ready. We go because we are filled.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Am I rushing ahead of God's timing?*
- 2. What might God be developing in my waiting?*
- 3. Where is the Spirit prompting me to witness?*

Day 7: From Unexplained Mission to Changed People

Text: Acts 2:41

“Those who received his word were baptized...” The early church didn’t just preach sermons—they produced transformed lives. The greatest evidence of resurrection power is not a loud church, but a changed people. Changed people: Forgive differently. Live differently. Love differently. Serve differently. The unexplained change in us becomes the undeniable evidence to the world.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Who can see the change in my life?*
- 2. What fruit confirms my transformation?*
- 3. How can I intentionally disciple someone this week?*

Closing Exhortation for the Series

The tomb was sealed, but Jesus came out. The disciples were hiding, but fire fell. Religion stood in the temple, but the relationship walked in the streets. The world cannot explain it. Psychology cannot manufacture it. Religion cannot organize it. It is the power of the risen Christ working through yielded people.