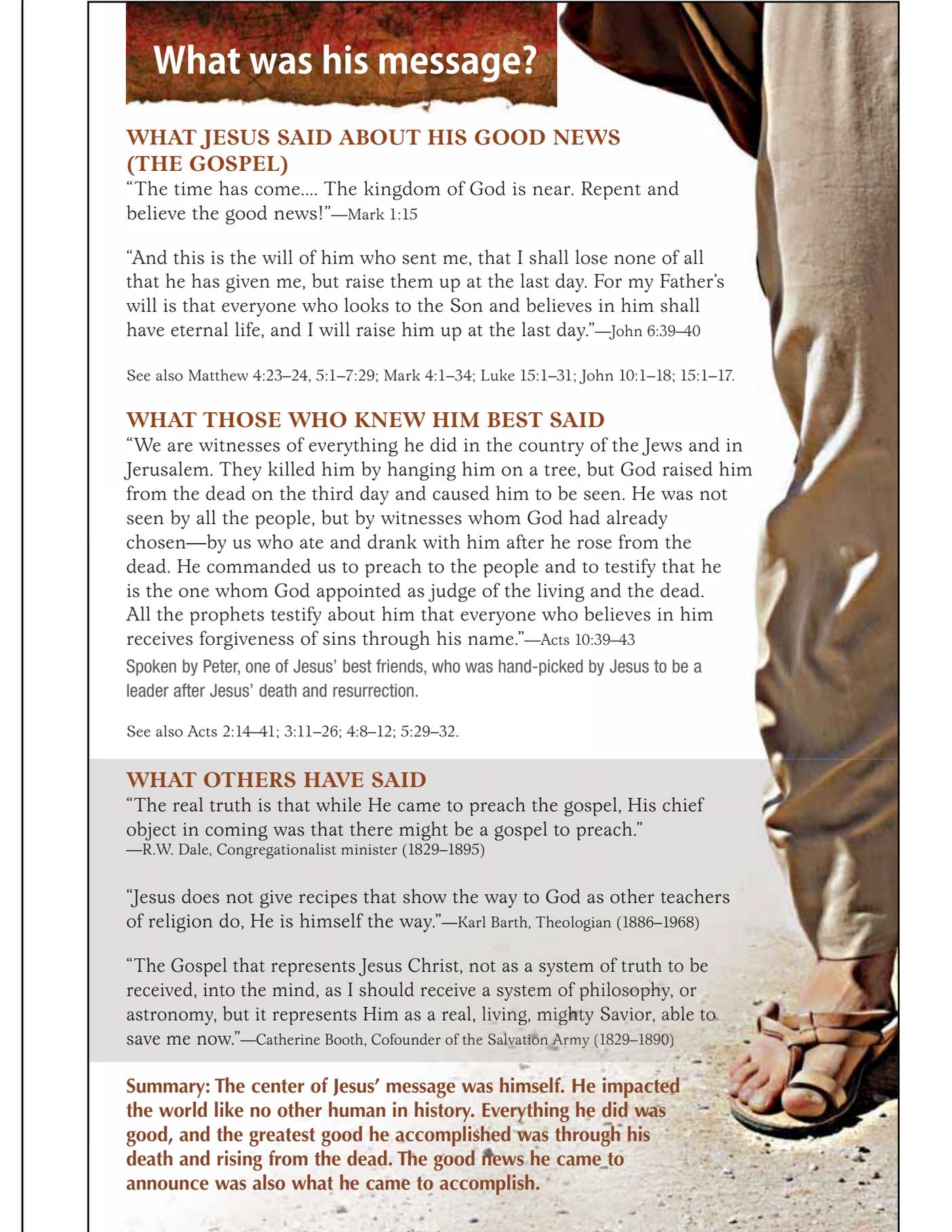


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What was his message?

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT HIS GOOD NEWS (THE GOSPEL)

“The time has come.... The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”—Mark 1:15

“And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”—John 6:39–40

See also Matthew 4:23–24, 5:1–7:29; Mark 4:1–34; Luke 15:1–31; John 10:1–18; 15:1–17.

WHAT THOSE WHO KNEW HIM BEST SAID

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”—Acts 10:39–43

Spoken by Peter, one of Jesus’ best friends, who was hand-picked by Jesus to be a leader after Jesus’ death and resurrection.

See also Acts 2:14–41; 3:11–26; 4:8–12; 5:29–32.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

“The real truth is that while He came to preach the gospel, His chief object in coming was that there might be a gospel to preach.”
—R.W. Dale, Congregationalist minister (1829–1895)

“Jesus does not give recipes that show the way to God as other teachers of religion do, He is himself the way.”—Karl Barth, Theologian (1886–1968)

“The Gospel that represents Jesus Christ, not as a system of truth to be received, into the mind, as I should receive a system of philosophy, or astronomy, but it represents Him as a real, living, mighty Savior, able to save me now.”—Catherine Booth, Cofounder of the Salvation Army (1829–1890)

Summary: The center of Jesus’ message was himself. He impacted the world like no other human in history. Everything he did was good, and the greatest good he accomplished was through his death and rising from the dead. The good news he came to announce was also what he came to accomplish.



Who is Jesus?

WHAT JESUS SAID

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”—John 14:6

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty... And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”—John 6:35

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”—John 8:12

See also Matthew 11:27–29; John 8:58; 10:30.

WHAT THOSE WHO KNEW HIM BEST SAID

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.... From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”—John 1:1–4, 14–17

John was one of Jesus’ closest friends and earliest followers who was at the scene of Jesus’ execution.

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.”—1 Peter 1:18–20

Peter, one of Jesus’ twelve disciples, wrote this to Christians in the first century AD.

See also Matthew 16:16; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:3.

WHAT GOD THE FATHER SAID

“While [Peter] was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!’”—Matthew 17:5

God the Father spoke plainly about Jesus.

Why did he come?

WHAT JESUS SAID

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”—John 3:17

“I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”—John 10:7–10

See also Matthew 5:17; Mark 2:17; 10:45; Luke 12:49–51; 19:10; John 7:28; 9:39; 12:46.

WHAT THOSE WHO KNEW HIM BEST SAID

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.”—1 Timothy 1:15

Written by the apostle Paul who was viciously anti-Christian until a life-changing encounter with the resurrected Jesus.

See also John 1:11–12; 1 John 3:8.

WHAT THE PROPHETS SAID

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.”—Isaiah 53:4

Spoken by Isaiah, a prophet who saw what the Messiah (the Christ) would do more than 700 years before Jesus was born.

See also Genesis 49:10; Malachi 3:1–4.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

“The essence of Jesus’ ministry was to bring the divine power into all the realms of death and thereby to call into question the finality of death. Light in the darkness, the mocker of the grave, divine love in the most godforsaken places, Jesus throws off balance the whole world of the small soul.”—Robert Barron, Professor of Systematic Theology, Mundelein Seminary

“Nineteen centuries have come and gone and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever were built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.”—Attributed to James Allen Francis, Doctor of Divinity (1864–1928)

Summary: Jesus came to save the world.



What Jesus said about:

LOVE

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”—Mark 12:30–31

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.... Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”—Luke 6:31–36

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”—John 13:34–35

“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”—John 14:21

GOD

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.”—John 14:1

“[The disciples] were greatly astonished and asked, ‘Who then can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”

—Matthew 19:25–26

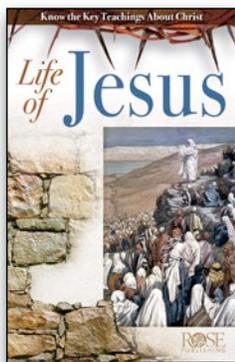
“If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.”—John 8:42

ETERNAL LIFE

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”—John 17:3

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”—John 5:24

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.”—Mark 8:34–36

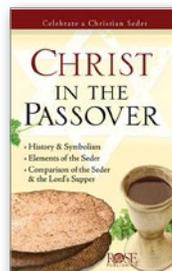


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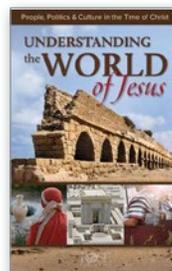
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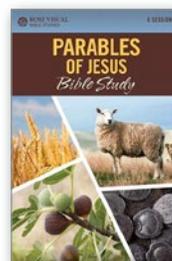
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