

“Visited Planet” Selected Scriptures

Invasion

John 1: ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ¹⁴And the Word **became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Explained

John 1: ¹⁶For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has **explained** Him.

The Exchange

Romans 1: ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because that which is known about God is **evident** within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been **clearly seen**, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without **excuse**. ²¹For even though they **knew** God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and **exchanged** the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Substitute

John 1: ²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming ...and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰"This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'

The End Game

Matthew 16: ²¹From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed,.....

Death

Mark 15: ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last ⁴²And when evening had already come, because it was the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, a man who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁵...he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen sheet, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen sheet and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

Dead Point: Everyone knew Jesus was dead and that meant to them it was over... all their faith was gone when Jesus died. Then something unbelievable happened....

Alive...Really

Matthew 16: ²¹From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be **raised** up on the third day.

Mark 16: ¹...Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, ...²Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has **risen**; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.

John 11: ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the **resurrection** and the **life**; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

Finished

John 19: ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is **finished**!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

2 Corinthians 5: ²¹He made Him who knew **no sin to be** sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Alive Point: All of Jesus' followers believed Jesus to have come alive...that He is who He claimed to be. The grave was empty and they believed it completely. They gave their lives for that belief.

Power Up

Colossians 1: ²⁵Of this church I was made a minister... that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, ²⁶that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations; but has now been manifested to His saints, ²⁷to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ **in you**, the hope of glory.

Acts 1: ⁴Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ... ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; ⁸but you shall **receive** power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My **witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Power Up Point: Each of us has the power of God in him for those who have put their trust in Jesus alone for their salvation. So let Jesus be in charge and empower you in knowing God NOW. Make him known by what He has done for you. .

Take It Point: So being a witness is...

Being a witness is what you are "in Christ"

Being a witness is through the power of God not our power.

Being a witness is sharing your testimony of what God has done and is doing in your life.

Being a witness is to everyone!

Being a witness means to start where you are at... where you live and work and play.

Being a witness is spiritually natural.

Where to start... Think of people you know.. family, friends, co-workers, fellow hobbiers, civic clubs, golf partners, acquaintances, people where you shop, neighbors.

Make a list of 8 to 15 people who you know don't know Jesus and begin to relate to them because God intends to use you in their lives.

This is fulfilling the love of Christ... love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:39; John 13:35) As a believer you are Jesus to another person today.