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## THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE IN SHARING THE GOSPEL

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*After we muster the boldness to share the gospel with someone, we often rely on our own words. While personal testimony and showing evidence are very important, we must remember that God can — and does — speak for himself through his Word. In this session we will look at how the apostles, and Christ himself, used Scripture to lead people to God.*

### **There are many ways to share the gospel**

- Apologetics
- The love of the body of Christ — John 17:23
- Personal testimony
- Miracles — Acts 14:3
- Scripture

***What might be some reasons that people shy away from using scripture when sharing the gospel?***

### **Why is Scripture important to share with people who do not know God?**

1. God speaks to people through the Bible
  - a. “We come to Scripture not to learn a subject but to steep ourselves in a person.” *C.S. Lewis*
2. The best ambassadors use quotes
  - a. 2 Cor. 5:20
3. The Bible is written to persuade
  - a. John 20:30-31
  - b. Luke 16:31
4. The Bible has the power to convict hearts
  - a. Hebrews 4:12
  - b. Isaiah 55:11-12
5. The Bible claims to be the source for truth
  - a. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Jesus and the apostles used Scripture for several different purposes when sharing the gospel:

- To show fulfilled prophecy
- To challenge thinking
- To clarify the gospel

## **Jesus and the apostles used Scripture to show how prophecy was fulfilled in Christ**

- Acts 8:26-36 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch
  - *Quotes Isaiah 53:7-8*
  
- Matthew 27:46
  - *Quotes Psalm 22:1*
  
- Paul reasoned from Scriptures: Acts 17:1-4; Acts 17:10-12; Acts 17:16-31; Acts 18:26-28; Acts 19:8-10; Acts 28:23

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- Prophecies that carry evidential weight for skeptical readers
  - Daniel 9:24-27
  - Isaiah 53
  - Psalm 22
  - Additional prophecies  
<http://www.evidenceunseen.com/articles/prophecy/jesus-and-messianic-prophecy/>

## **Jesus used Scripture to challenge thinking**

- Luke 10:25-27
  - *Quotes Leviticus 18:5*

“Your only job is to turn pages and to stay out of God's way. The Holy Spirit will help your friend understand more from a simple reading of a verse than any explanation or sermon you could have preached...You are only in the page-turning business with one goal, to stay out of God's way.” William Faye, *Share Jesus without Fear*

- Matthew 9:11-13
  - *Quotes Hosea 6:6*

In 2017

- Open spiritual conversations
- Gospel
- Discovery Bible Studies
  - <https://www.contagiousdisciplemaking.com/> David L. Watson, Global disciple-making
  - <http://www.xenos.org/teachings/?teaching=2874>

## Jesus and the apostles used Scripture to clarify who Christ was and what the gospel is

- Acts 14:14-17
  - *Quotes Psalm 146:6*
  
- Acts 13:46-48
  - *Quotes Isaiah 49:6*

## In 2017

- Gospel explanation
  - Roman's Road: 3:23, 6:23, 10:9-10
  - Titus 3:3-7
  - Col. 2:13-14
  - John 3:16-17
  - *Share Jesus Without Fear*: Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 3:3, John 14:6, Romans 10:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:15, Revelation 3:20

## Conclusions

- Acts 4:13

## For further reference:

Fulfilled Prophecy	Challenge thinking	Clarify Gospel
Acts 2:14-37	Acts 7	Acts 13:13-40
Acts 4:1-14	Acts 13:13-40	Acts 14:8-18
Acts 8:26-40	Acts 28:23-28	John 10:34
Acts 8:26-40	Luke 4:17-28	Luke 13:26-27
Acts 13:13-40	Luke 10:25-27; Mark 12:28-34	Luke 13:35
Acts 17:1-4	Luke 18:18-27; Mark 10:17-22	Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:44, Mark 12:1-12
Acts 17:10-12	Matthew 9:11-13; Matthew 12:7	
Acts 17:16-31	Matthew 15:1-10	
Acts 18:26-28	Matthew 22:44	
Acts 19:8-10	Mark 2:23-27	
Acts 28:23-28	Mark 7:1-13	
John 5:39-47	Mark 10:2-10	
John 6:41-58	Mark 11:15-18	
Luke 4:17-28	Mark 12:35-37	
Luke 7:18-23	Mark 14:61-64	
Luke 7:24-27		
Luke 23:46		
Luke 24:13-35		
Luke 24:44-49		
Matthew 21:16		
Matthew 26:55-57		
Matthew 27:46		
Mark 9:9-13		