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18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:41



But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

Acts 8:12-13



As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 8:36-39



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- The Bible is Still True
- God is Still in Control
- Jesus Still Saves
- The Spirit Still Changes Lives

Ravi Zacharias – RZIM.org

Josh McDowell – Evidence that Demands a Verdict



1. The Credibility of the Savior is Impeccable.

¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

*“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.”*

*¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there
has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist;
yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is
greater than he.*

Matthew 11:10-11



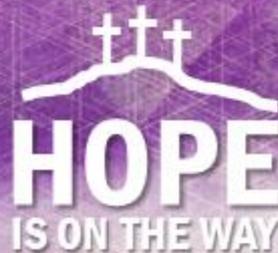
2. The Payment of the Savior is Complete.

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:2-3



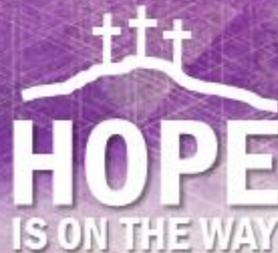
3. The Invitation of the Savior is Inclusive.

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

*All those the Father gives me will come to me, and
whoever comes to me I will never drive away.*

John 6:37



3. The Invitation of the Savior is Inclusive.

³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

1 Timothy 2:3-6

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



3. The Invitation of the Savior is Inclusive.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:18

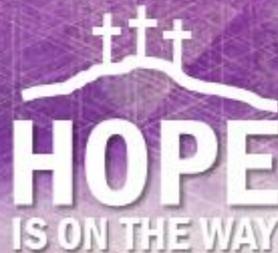
The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



Why We Don't See Jesus Still Saving ...

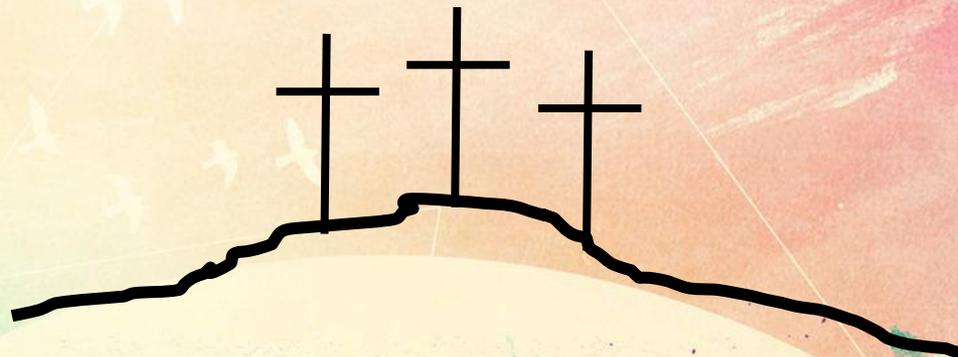
- **People have become the enemy**
- **We get used to spiritually lost people being lost**
- **We don't see ourselves as part of Jesus' plan**
- **Weariness – we lose heart**



The Assignment this Week: As I see people, see them as they really are –

- **People loved by God**
- **People Jesus wants to save**





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