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## **Can I Get A Witness?**

The afternoon of September 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk was assassinated while engaging students at Utah Valley University. I had heard of Charlie Kirk and had seen video clips of some of his interactions with college-age people and I knew he was a political conservative. I also knew that Charlie was famously known for encouraging people who disagree with him to have conversations, some of which were heated. So, when people immediately started calling Charlie Kirk a martyr, I was a bit skeptical. Was he murdered? Yes. Was he murdered because of his faith? I was not so sure. What I did not realize is that Charlie had been increasingly preaching the gospel to people. While I do not agree with all of Charlie's views, his political beliefs were deeply rooted in his Christian faith and in his acknowledgement of the Bible as the Word of God. I have watched video after video after video of Charlie Kirk encouraging people who vehemently disagree with him to turn to Jesus. Pointing porn stars to Jesus on a podcast. Challenging transgender people to change their minds to match their bodies, rather than vice versa. The English word martyr comes from the Greek word *martus*. A *martus* is, simply put, a witness. Someone who testifies to something. In the New Testament, a *martus* could be a witness in a court of law or a spectator of an event, as well as a Christian who undergoes a violent death because of their faith. Followers of Jesus must be prepared to do all three. Jesus left us with these instructions: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Was Charlie Kirk a martyr? Absolutely! He testified to the power of Jesus Christ to transform lives, rooted his beliefs in the Bible, and was killed for it. But that's not the end of the story. Early church father Tertullian once wrote, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." He was right! Over 275,000 people gathered in person for Charlie Kirk's memorial service on September 21. It began with a time of corporate worship, followed by political leader after political leader preaching the gospel. The message of Jesus Christ was livestreamed by 100 million people. That is likely the largest audience in history to hear the gospel preached *at the same time*. But you don't need to preach to millions to be effective for Jesus. You can start with just one. Can I get a witness?