

## The Gospel of the Kingdom

### Week 6 - Day 5: Share the Gospel

Congratulations on making it this far!!!

This week, we hit the pinnacle of the **GOOD NEWS!** Jesus! The promised Messiah has come! Now as you may know already, there are so many debates raging on about who Jesus is. This week, for our *share the gospel* video, I would like to give you a sneak peak into the Alpha course. Alpha is designed to meet the tough questions that others may have about the Christian faith. This video is a bit longer than the other videos, but it covers a lot of ground addressing many of the controversial issues that come up when we talk about Jesus.

If you are interested in learning more about Alpha at 3Crosses, check out [3Crosses.org/alpha](https://www.3crosses.org/alpha) and be sure to invite a friend!

**Share the Gospel:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtTnSMNtE44>

#### Community Group Discussion Questions:

This week marks another break! We would encourage you to stop and rest in Jesus. We have spent so many weeks dealing with the problem of sin and suffering and now, we challenge you and your group to spend some time rejoicing in the fact that God has made a way for us to FINALLY experience salvation from the kingdom of sin!

As always, feel free to come up with questions of your own based on your observations and conversations

*Question: What observations / reflections / prayers stood out to you about this week?*

**The Babylonian Exile:** Even though Israel returned from Babylon to their promised land right on schedule, they still could not defeat the kingdom of sin over their hearts! Daniel foreshadows

the one like a son of man who would establish his throne. Chronicles offers us one last retelling of Israel's history before the countdown to the Messiah begins!

*Question: Take a moment to recall all of the ways the Old Testament anticipates the coming of Jesus. Which one were you surprised by the most? Which one has been the most difficult to understand? Which one has meant the most to you? Can you think of any other ways that the Old Testament anticipates Jesus*

**Jesus Origins:** Jesus, the descendant of Abraham and from the line of David, has been identified as the Bible's next candidate to bring salvation to God's people under the reign of sin in order to bring them back to God's family under God's rule in God's presence. The 4 gospel accounts document Jesus' life so that you would come to believe that He is the promised King of Kings and Lord over all!

*Question: Given our time meditating on the Old Testament, is your reaction to Jesus any different? If so, how? If not, explain why? How would you speak to someone who says that the Old Testament is now irrelevant or there is a difference between the God of the Old Testament and Jesus of the New testament?*

**Jesus life and Death:** When Jesus walked the earth, he gave his followers a picture of what kingdom power looked like and how it can be used to love others and share the gospel of Jesus and his kingdom. Moreover, just as Jesus delegated his kingdom power to his followers over 2000 years ago, he has delegated his power to his followers today. Let's be encouraged to use the power that Jesus has given us to go out and share the love of God and the good news of His kingdom with everyone.

*Question: What does being empowered by Jesus look like to you? How can you be a part of God's plan to reveal Jesus and his kingdom here on earth? Ask God to reveal to you how He wants to use you to share the love of Jesus and the kingdom of God with others!*

**Jesus Resurrection, Ascension, and Return:** We cannot believe in Jesus without believing in His crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension. Without each of these elements He would be just another man. Jesus was more than a man, He is God! He reigns as our king victorious over sin and death and will one day make things perfect! This is the gospel!

*Question: At the beginning of this series, we asked you to define the gospel message. Now that we have touched the topic of Jesus, how would you describe the gospel? What in your mind has been solidified or clarified about your understanding of the gospel? What has changed (if anything)? What has been the most satisfying aspect of the gospel for you considering where we have been so far?*