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+ SESSION OUTLINE

1. Resisting the Possibility of Jesus's Resurrection (Matt. 27:57-66)
2. Encountering the Reality of Jesus's Resurrection (Matt. 28:1-6)
3. Sharing the News of Jesus's Resurrection (Matt. 28:7-10)

Background Passage: Matthew 27–28

+ WHAT WILL MY GROUP LEARN?

Jesus's resurrection from the dead on the third day is the linchpin of the Christian faith and is news to be shared with the world.

+ HOW WILL MY GROUP SEE CHRIST?

On Easter Sunday, God vindicated His Son's perfect sacrifice by raising Him from the dead. Through faith, we are united to Christ and share in the promise of being resurrected in His likeness. Sin's curse has been removed, death has been defeated, and we are assured of everlasting life with God.

+ HOW SHOULD MY GROUP RESPOND?

Because we worship a risen Savior who has raised us to new life, we tell others the good news of Christ's victory over sin and death that they may trust in Jesus and receive resurrection life.

GROUP TIME

Group content found in the Daily Discipleship Guide is included in the shaded areas throughout the session.



SCRIPTURE HANDOUT

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INTRODUCTION

ASK: As participants arrive, ask: **What is the largest sports comeback you've witnessed?** (wait for a volunteer to respond first; only share your response as a conclusion to the discussion)

SUMMARIZE: Help your group understand the **setting** for this session.

- After a grueling trial and gruesome crucifixion, the beaten, lifeless body of Jesus hung on the cross. With Friday sundown and the approaching Sabbath, there was a rush to dispose of the deceased. Determined to honor their rabbi, some of Jesus's followers arranged to provide Jesus with a proper burial. But they didn't know that the borrowed tomb would only be needed for a very short time. Jesus would not be dead for long. God was about to make His most powerful move yet to fulfill His promise to rescue His people.

OPTIONAL QUESTION: **What are some pleasant surprises you've experienced that came out of times of darkness?** (people you didn't know well came out of the woodwork to provide for you; we may see our personal limits go way beyond what we thought possible; the removal of things from our lives can provide a simpler, more satisfying existence)

TRANSITION: Though the Jewish leaders thought they had the downfall of Jesus in the bag, they were about to witness the biggest comeback of all. Death would be defeated. The debt due to our sin would be satisfied. The path to eternal life would be paved for all who would trust in Jesus for salvation. The resurrection of Jesus was about to change the spiritual landscape for all humankind. And no one saw it coming.



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POINT 1

RESISTING THE POSSIBILITY OF JESUS'S RESURRECTION (MATT. 27:57-66)

READ: Invite a volunteer to read aloud **Matthew 27:57-66** from his or her Bible.

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. **58** He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. **59** And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud **60** and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. **61** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. **62** The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate **63** and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' **64** Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." **65** Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." **66** So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

EXPLAIN: Using the content below, explain from **verses 57-61** how Joseph honored Jesus (DDG p. 118).

Because of his devotion, Joseph of Arimathea placed Jesus in a family tomb to honor Him.

- We learn from John 19:38 that Joseph was a secret disciple of Jesus, but he also feared the Jews. Somewhere along the line, though, this man from Arimathea broke free from his fear of his Jewish cohorts and publicly claimed Jesus as the Messiah they had been waiting for.
- All four of the Gospel writers record that Joseph arranged for Jesus's burial. If he hadn't, the body of Jesus would have been cast into a common grave. Not only did Jesus escape a criminal's shame-filled burial, it was a sign of esteem and devotion to be placed in a family tomb.¹
- Furthermore, criminals were not supposed to be placed in family graves. Through the act of allowing Jesus to be buried in his new tomb, Joseph likely rendered his new, expensive tomb repulsive. No family member of Joseph's would want to be buried with a convict.² This was a generous and worship-filled response of caring for and honoring the body of Jesus.
- Matthew tells of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary being there when Joseph rolled the stone over the entrance of the tomb. Matthew was recording the witnesses even though they were women, who at that time would not have been seen as viable witnesses. But either way, he was recording the truth.

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

Joseph, a member of the Sanhedrin, must have been rich and also influential to be able to approach Pilate with a request.³ Both Luke and Mark record that he "was also himself looking forward to the kingdom of God" (Mark 15:43). Luke adds that though Joseph was part of the Sanhedrin, he "had not consented to their plan and action" (Luke 23:51) to put Jesus to death.

ASK: Joseph put Jesus in a place of honor at a great cost. Ask groups of 3-4 to discuss this question and then share answers with the whole group (DDG p. 118):

How can you put Jesus in a place of honor in your life? (thanking Him daily, more than just at meals; prioritizing studying His Word; giving generously to Christ-centered causes; turning to Him first when in need)

INSTRUCT: Using the content below, explain from **verses 62-66** how Jesus's enemies tried to resist the possibility of His resurrection (DDG p. 118).

The chief priests and Pharisees asked for tomb security to stop possible attempts by Jesus's followers to furnish fake evidence of a resurrection.

- Though Jesus's body was in the tomb, the religious rulers could not yet let down their guard. They knew Jesus had claimed that He would rise from the grave. Even dead, Jesus was still a threat to them. So they took off to Pilate to appeal to him once again. Whether he wanted the Jewish power-struggle to be over or feared how the crowds would react if Jesus's body were stolen, Pilate granted the Jewish leaders' request for tomb security.
- The tomb was already closed with a large stone (v. 60). But with Pilate's declaration, a seal was placed on the entrance to the tomb to deter any tampering. Pilate also allowed guards to be stationed there to wait and watch for any threat of intrusion.
- For these stubborn religious leaders, the reality that Jesus was the Messiah was still not in the realm of possibility. Thus, an actual resurrection wasn't even on their radar. With a sealed tomb and watchers secured, the Jewish leaders likely slept soundly that evening. The troublesome movement of Jesus's followers was about to be stopped forever. Little did those unbelieving men know that the very preparations they took to prove Jesus a fraud would lead to mounting evidence that pointed to the reality of Jesus's power over death.

DISCUSS: The religious leaders, like many people today, did not believe Jesus could resurrect. Discuss (DDG p. 118):

How can someone try to explain why he or she believes in Jesus's resurrection? (the Bible and extra-biblical writings confirm its truth; archaeology reveals evidence of biblical events surrounding Jesus's last days; personal testimony of Jesus in one's life; logical forensics of how it could be possible)

TRANSITION: We humans think we know more than God. With our limited perspective, finite knowledge, and fallible reasoning, we often fail to realize our ignorance. The story of Jesus's death and resurrection continues on with more evidence.

A SEAL

Similar to the wax seals used to prove the authenticity of the sender of a letter, and that the correspondence had not been tampered with, this seal was probably much larger, sealing a tomb, not simply a letter.

POINT 2

ENCOUNTERING THE REALITY OF JESUS'S RESURRECTION (MATT. 28:1-6)

READ: Invite a volunteer to read aloud **Matthew 28:1-6** from his or her Bible.

1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

EXPLAIN: Using the content below, explain from **verses 1-3** (DDG p. 118):

Just as angels announced the birth of Christ, a messenger from God appeared to proclaim the victorious resurrection of Jesus.

- From nightfall on Friday through Saturday's sundown, the Jews would have been abiding at home, observing the Sabbath. First thing Sunday morning—the first chance they had—Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were found at the tomb. Both Mark's and Luke's Gospel accounts add that they brought spices with them to anoint the body of Jesus. This could have been for preservation purposes as well as an act of honor.⁴
- As they approached, however, the earth shook, and they saw the exposed entrance to the tomb. An angel of the Lord—blazing in glory—was sitting on the stone that had sealed the tomb. The soldiers were frozen in fear. The earth, once again, joined Jesus on His journey. On Friday, the sky turned dark in the middle of the day in solidarity with Jesus as He hung on the cross. In response to His resurrection, an earthquake reverberated through the land that glorious morning. Just as the heavenly hosts were there to announce the birth of Christ, a glorious messenger from God was present to proclaim the victorious resurrection of Jesus. What was to be a quiet, somber trip to pay tribute to Jesus ended up being a pivotal moment for these women—as well as for all humanity.

CHALLENGE: Throughout the Bible, we see angels doing God's bidding. Challenge your group with the following question (DDG p. 118):

What other times has God used heavenly messengers to give authoritative, divine news? (when He announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Christ; one came to Joseph in a dream to bring the command that he should not divorce Mary; an angel came to Zechariah to announce the coming of his son, John; angels appeared to the shepherds)

VOICES from CHURCH HISTORY

"Our Lord Himself deliberately staked His whole claim to the credit of men upon His resurrection. When asked for a sign He pointed to this sign as His single and sufficient credential."⁶

—B. B. Warfield
(1851–1921)

INSTRUCT: Using the content below, explain from **verses 4-6** (DDG p. 118):

Much skepticism surrounds Jesus's resurrection, but the soldiers and the women witnessed the angel and the empty tomb.

- The frightened soldiers are an important element to the veracity of Christ's resurrection. The soldiers had nothing to gain and everything to lose by allowing Jesus to escape their grasp. They were stationed at the front of the tomb to ensure the body of Jesus stayed put. Yet here they were found "like dead men," in utter terror in response to the angel. Furthermore, if they had not witnessed the events that the women testified about, these soldiers had much to gain to correct the story.
- This marvelous scene lends credibility to the resurrection story in many ways. First, there is no record that the women spoke of their mission to visit the tomb, yet the angel knew who they were and what they were doing. This radiant being announced the fulfillment of Christ's own words: He would rise on the third day. Then the angel invited the women to see with their own eyes the empty tomb.
- Additionally, a woman's testimony held little to no weight in those days. Yet God, in His infinite wisdom, chose these humble servants to be the first to receive the joyous news that Jesus is alive! Not only did they get to receive the news, they were charged to go tell the news to Jesus's inner circle (v. 7). If men were behind this fabricated story (as some claim), they certainly would not have chosen women to be such an integral part of this pivotal event, as the testimony of women held no bearing in society.⁵

DISCUSS: In smaller groups of 3-4, ask participants to share their answers to the following question (DDG pp. 115,118) and then to share their thoughts with the large group:

From Day 3 in the DDG: **How does the reality of Jesus's resurrection impact your life?** (since He is alive, I know He has the power to do anything; since He is alive, I'm excited to see Him one day; since He died and rose for my salvation, I am eternally grateful for His mercy and grace)

SUMMARIZE: Use **PACK ITEM 3: PASSION WEEK TIMELINE** to show that on Sunday, Jesus rose from the grave, victoriously ending a week of much agony and suffering. But He did it! He was raised from the dead like He said He would be, revealing His identity as God and His power over death, sin, and everything else.

TRANSITION: Jesus has risen! The soldiers and the women were witnesses. The angel was there to proclaim Jesus's resurrection. But the angel also was there to instruct them on what to do next.



POINT 3

SHARING THE NEWS OF JESUS'S RESURRECTION (MATT. 28:7-10)

BRAINSTORM: Invite the group to call out news, ideas, and events that they would feel responsible and/or privileged to share with others.

READ: Invite a volunteer to read aloud **Matthew 28:7-10** from his or her Bible.

7 “Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” **8** So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

HIGHLIGHT: Using the content below, explain from **verses 7-8** the following truth (DDG p. 118):

The angel commanded the women to go and tell the disciples, for the good news of Jesus's resurrection needs to be told.

- Though Christ had triumphed over sin and death, there was still work to do. Without faith in the work of Christ, people cannot be saved. Romans 10:14-15 says: “How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’” These women became the first beautiful messengers of the good news about Jesus's resurrection.
- “He has risen.” The original Greek shows that this is a passive verb. It was not the Son who did the raising. It was God the Father,⁷ though it should also be noted that Jesus said He would take up His life again by the command of His Father (John 10:17-18). That the resurrection was three days after the crucifixion removed any doubts about the reality of Jesus's death. His body remained in the tomb from Friday evening to Sunday morn. All biological processes had ceased: no heartbeat, no brain activity, no breath in His lungs. This was truly a miraculous resurrection, not a simple resuscitation.

DISCUSS: The women did not hesitate to obey the angel's command to tell the disciples the good news. Thinking of our own sense of urgency, ask (DDG p. 119):

How can I keep myself accountable on prioritizing telling others the good news of Jesus? (asking a friend to remind me; asking my small group to brainstorm ways to do so; praying for opportunities; involving myself in evangelism ministries)

EXPLAIN: Using **verses 9-10**, explain what happened next as Jesus appeared to the women:

- On their way to take the good news to the disciples, the women encountered the living, breathing Jesus Christ. Their response to their Savior was worship. Taking hold of His feet was an act of exaltation. The women recognized this man who stood before them was not just the man whom they had seen crucified. This was King Jesus, the Lamb of God who had been slaughtered to save sinners. This Son of God had risen from the grave, was victorious over death, and was the promised Messiah they had been waiting for.⁸
- Once again, this order of events was very countercultural. Significant moments happened with men, not women. It would seem logical for Jesus to appear first to His disciples. Instead, He revealed His resurrected glory to the women who had planned to anoint His dead body.
- Jesus's commands to the women echoed those of the angel: Don't fear, and go and tell my brothers (v. 10). The same men who said they would follow Jesus forever but they abandoned and denied Him, Jesus considered them His brothers, and He promised to see them in Galilee. Jesus spent most of His life and ministry in Galilee. It is fitting that this is where He would go to wrap up His time on earth in His newly resurrected bodily form.
- Because Jesus was raised, we know that all who believe in Him will be raised as well to eternal life with Him. There is joyful life after death for the believer, but the unbeliever will also be raised, except to eternal punishment. Eternal life with Christ in joy or eternal life without Him in suffering are the two options we have in choosing for or against Jesus.

READ: Invite a volunteer in your group to read the key doctrine (DDG p. 119).

Key Doctrine #95: Life After Death: The Bible teaches that when a Christian dies, he or she immediately is with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8; Luke 23:43). This is what some people call an intermediate state, given that the final state for believers takes place at the future resurrection (Rev. 6:10-11). For those who are not in Christ, life after death results in being separated from Christ in a state of suffering, even though future judgment remains (Luke 16:19-31).

ASK: (DDG p. 119)

How might the reality that every person will live on for eternity—either with Christ or without—change our everyday moments? (be a better steward of resources and use them for eternal impact; greater sense of urgency to the time we have available to proclaim the gospel; more need for prayer for opportunities and boldness to obey)

TRANSITION: Just as Jesus returned to heaven after His resurrection, so will we leave this earth. We must choose to make the most of our time on earth so that when Christ returns, more souls will spend eternity with Him.

MY RESPONSE

SAY: On Easter Sunday, God vindicated His Son's perfect sacrifice by raising Him from the dead. Through faith, we are united to Christ and share in the promise of being resurrected in His likeness. Sin's curse has been removed, death has been defeated, and we are assured of everlasting life with God. So because we worship and serve a risen Savior who has raised us to new life, we tell others the good news of Christ's victory over sin and death, calling people to trust in Jesus and receive resurrection life.

HEAD:

God is more powerful than we can ever imagine. There is nothing more final to us than death, and every one of us is marching closer to it each day. But God has the final say. And God demonstrated complete victory over death so that those who trust in Jesus could have eternal life, one full of joy and victory.

What does eternal life with God and without God look like?

HEART:

Even through the resurrection event, we see the tenderness of God toward humankind. He knows us and understands our humanity. We need comfort in the face of fear, instructions when overwhelmed, and repetition to stay on track. His compassion for us permeates His interactions with us. This was true before the resurrection and continues to be true to this day.

What about Jesus's resurrection can you thank God for?

HANDS:

The angel and Jesus commanded the women to go and tell. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He gave the same command to His followers. It is clear throughout the New Testament that we have been given this same mission: go and make disciples of all nations. We are still here on this earth so that we can bring the good news to as many people as we can about the salvation God offers only through Jesus.

How can you better align your life to be a greater part of helping to fulfill the Great Commission?

PRAY: Father, thank You for Your Son. Thank You for His death. Thank You for raising Him to life so that we might have life. Put in our hearts a passion to tell others the good news of Jesus and the eternal life with You waiting for us. Thank You for the hope You give us through Your Son. Amen.

VOICES from CHURCH HISTORY

"We must declare the message of the Word of God regardless of its popularity. The Word of God is our message and we must preach it faithfully regardless of whether the world esteems it or not—and today the world does not esteem it."⁹

—John G. Butler
(1826–1909)

POINT 1: RESISTING THE POSSIBILITY OF JESUS'S RESURRECTION (MATT. 27:57-66)

+ COMMENTARY

“Were it not for the intervention of Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38), the body of Jesus might not have had a decent burial. Joseph and Nicodemus had come to believe in Jesus, even though they had not openly testified of their faith. God kept them hidden, as it were, that they might care for the body of Jesus. Since Joseph was a rich man, and he prepared the new tomb, he helped in the fulfillment of prophecy, Isaiah 53:9—“He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death” (NIV).

It is not likely that Joseph prepared that tomb for himself. He was a wealthy man and certainly would not want to be buried so near a place of execution. He prepared that tomb for Jesus, and he selected a site near Golgotha so that he and Nicodemus could bury Christ's body quickly. Joseph and Nicodemus could very well have been in the garden waiting for Jesus to die. When they took Him from the cross, they defiled themselves and were not able to eat the Passover. But, what difference did it make? They had found the Lamb of God!

In contrast to the loving care given by Jesus' friends, notice the plottings and maneuvering of the Jewish leaders. The disciples had forgotten that Jesus promised to rise from the dead on the third day, but His enemies remembered. Pilate permitted the leaders to set a guard at the tomb. This guard put an official Roman seal on the stone. All of this was of God, for now it was impossible for anyone—friend or foe—to steal the body. Without realizing it, the Jewish leaders and the Roman government joined forces to help prove the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”¹⁰

+ ILLUSTRATION

Villains in stories and movies are somewhat comical. They try and try their best to thwart the plans of the hero, but it never works. Goodness always prevails. Whether it be the coyote against the roadrunner or the White Witch against Aslan, we get a picture that even when it seems like the villain is winning, in the end, the hero does.

Despite all the schemes and conniving of the chief priests and Pharisees to make sure Jesus and His followers didn't win, their efforts were to no avail. Jesus was going to win either way. He would be victorious in every way—over His enemies, over Satan, over death, and over sin.

EXTRA

POINT 2: ENCOUNTERING THE REALITY OF JESUS'S RESURRECTION (MATT. 28:1-6)

+ COMMENTARY

“28:2–4 This could conceivably be the same earthquake as in 27:51b–52a, if those verses are meant to be taken as concurrent with vv. 52b–53. More likely, however, this is a severe aftershock following that earlier quake. NIV’s ‘violent’ is simply great. As before, the quake attests to the cosmic significance of the events. It probably preceded the women’s arrival, since Matthew seems to link it with the coming of the angel, who is already in place when they get to the tomb (cf. Mark 16:3–4). The angel’s sitting (v. 2) perhaps indicates a note of completion or triumph. The earthquake dislodges the rock but was not needed to enable Christ to be raised. Jesus’ resurrection had already occurred, notwithstanding the massive stone barrier (v. 6). The resurrection itself is never described anywhere in Scripture, presumably because no one ever saw Jesus leave the tomb. The appearance of the angel in v. 3 matches similar angelic appearances which surrounded Jesus’ birth, as do the words ‘don’t be afraid’ in v. 5 (cf. esp. 1:20) and combines with chaps. 1–2 to frame the whole Gospel. Mark calls the angel a ‘young man’ (Mark 16:5). Luke adds that a second person/angel was present (Luke 24:4). Neither detail contradicts Matthew. The young man’s appearance and garb are appropriately angelic: brilliant, glorious, and pure. The whole scene terrifies the guards and temporarily paralyzes them, so that they cannot intervene. The verb ‘shook’ in v. 4 comes from the same root (seis-) as the ‘earthquake’ in v. 2.”¹¹

+ ILLUSTRATION

Many geographic wonders are nearly impossible to describe. From majestic mountain waterfalls to towering redwood trees, the magnitude of a moment with these physical wonders is difficult to capture in words. In the 1800s, as the American nation spread west, a new age of exploration occurred. Descriptive reports of a variety of vistas were sent back home to the east. But those who made it to what is now known as Yellowstone National Park had their work cut out for them. There was so much to behold and unique to the area. Mere words couldn’t do it justice.

In 1871, through the Hayden Geological Survey, a team of surveyors and explorers went into the Yellowstone area (then known as Wonderland) to explore the area and send back reports. One man, Thomas Moran, painted many scenes throughout the area. What Thomas was able to capture through brush strokes and color was a more powerful portrayal than words could express. Through the influence of Mr. Moran’s artwork, Yellowstone National Park was born. In his honor, a bench is still set in the place where he captured the beauty of the Yellowstone Grand Canyon.¹²

The biblical writers have attempted to paint a picture of something so magnificent they could hardly describe it. Yet the only canvas and colors they could pass down were words. This is why most descriptions of God and heavenly beings involve simile and symbolism—we need pictures to better understand the experience. Matthew describes the angel who arrived after the resurrection to be like lightning, his clothing like the bright white of snow. Thanks to Matthew’s imagery, if you’ve beheld the glory of lighting or the allure of a fresh blanket of snow, you are better able to comprehend the bright beauty that accompanied the angel.

POINT 3: SHARING THE NEWS OF JESUS'S RESURRECTION (MATT. 28:7-10)

+ COMMENTARY

“Jesus apparently was not going to spend a lot of time with them at this point. He accepted their worship and then proceeded to reassure them and to repeat the angel’s command. ‘Don’t be afraid’ is a word of reassurance in the exciting but highly unusual situation in which the ladies found themselves. They had been told by the angel that Jesus was alive, and now they had had this confirmed by seeing and hearing him for themselves. They could recognize something of what all this meant and gladly accept it. But it was still something outside human ken; it is a natural thing to be at least a little frightened of the supernatural. Jesus addressed himself to this natural feeling and told them not to be afraid. Just as the angel had done, he told them to take the good news to his followers. Here he calls them ‘my brothers.’ It is just possible that he is referring to his human brothers, but this is not likely. He had spoken of those who gave their allegiance to him as his family (12:50; 25:40), and it seems that it is this kind of thinking which underlies these words. Jesus is asking the women to go to the disciples and tell them to go into Galilee. Most of Jesus’ ministry had been exercised in Galilee; thus it was natural that he would expect his followers to go there and that he would be ready to meet them there.”¹³

+ ILLUSTRATION

In the days before digital communications, it took a long while for news to be carried from place to place via written communication. Depending on how the letters were sent and how far they needed to travel, it could take months or years before an announcement reached its intended recipient. Systems like the Pony Express and the telegraph sped up communications. With each innovation, messages spread faster and cheaper than ever before. Services such as telephone, the internet, email, and social media, have played a part in spreading knowledge exponentially faster. Over the centuries, communication has gone from a selective, slow crawl to a constant stream of instantaneous information.

In our fast-paced world filled with headlines, it is hard to imagine that there are reports yet to be spread. However, there is still one memo that needs to be moved. There are many who have not heard the gospel proclaimed. Though there are many ways to proclaim it, the best way is probably given one on one, face to face, alongside lives that follow the model of Christ. It is up to believers to magnify the message to every corner of the world so that as many as possible can be freed from their sin before it’s too late.

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