

Be Ready In Season and out of Season

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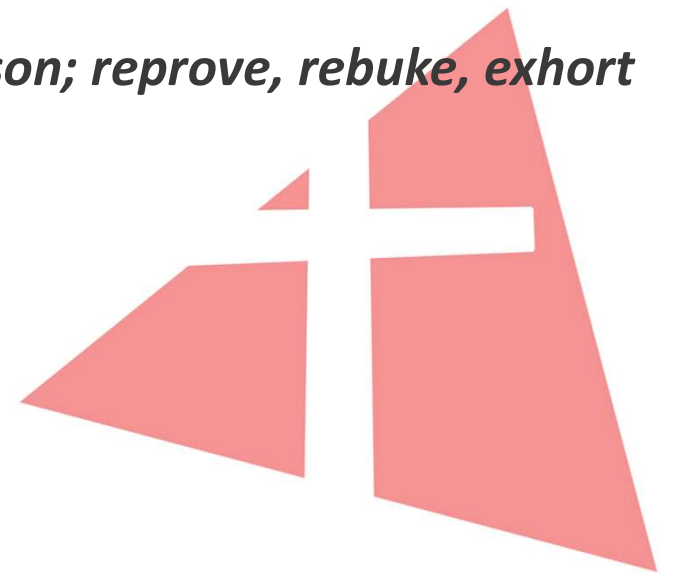
A New Year

- **Be ready in season and out of season**
 - Closing the series on “Outreach”
 - Communicating our goals for 2023



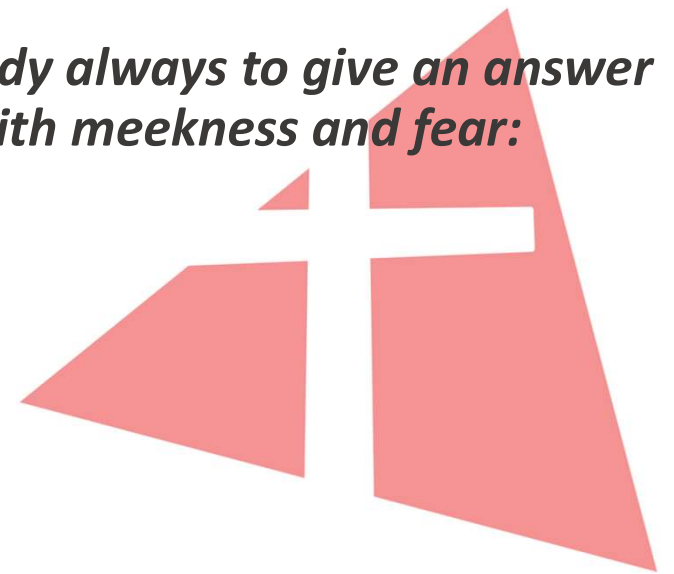
In season and out of season

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be diligent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.



Be ready always

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:



The Bible's Command

- **The Bible commands us to always be ready**
 - Share the gospel
 - Give a reason



Sharing the Gospel

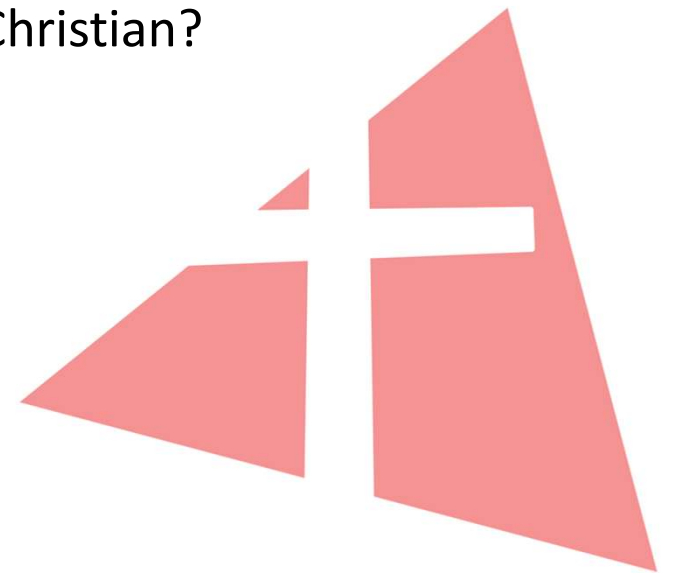
- **The problem: Sin**
- **Jesus' Identity: He is God**
- **Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection**
- **Our Choice**
- **Long-term discipleship and community**



Give a Reason

○ **Sharing personal stories and testimonies**

- What difference did Jesus make in my life since I became a Christian?
- What has He done for me?
- How can I experience Him in my daily life?
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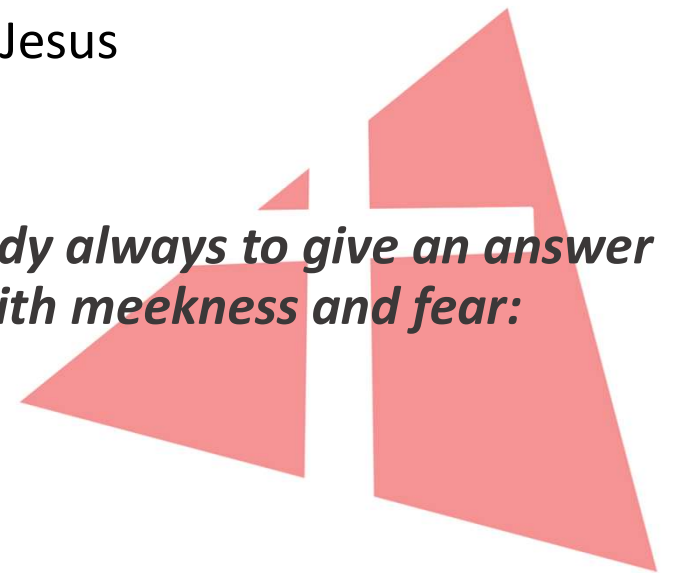


Give a Reason

- **Give logical reasons why Christianity is true**

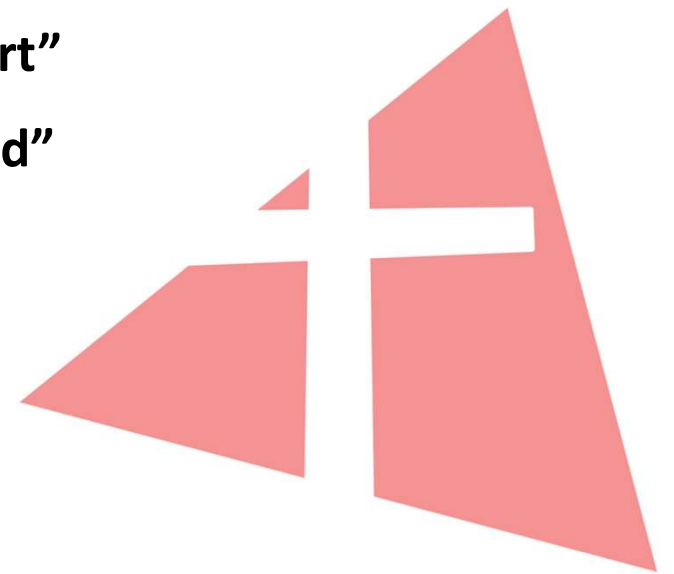
- Historic facts
- Answer hard questions that people often bring up AGAINST Jesus
- ...

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Different people

- Some people respond better when “being spoken to their heart”
- Some people respond better when “being spoken to their mind”

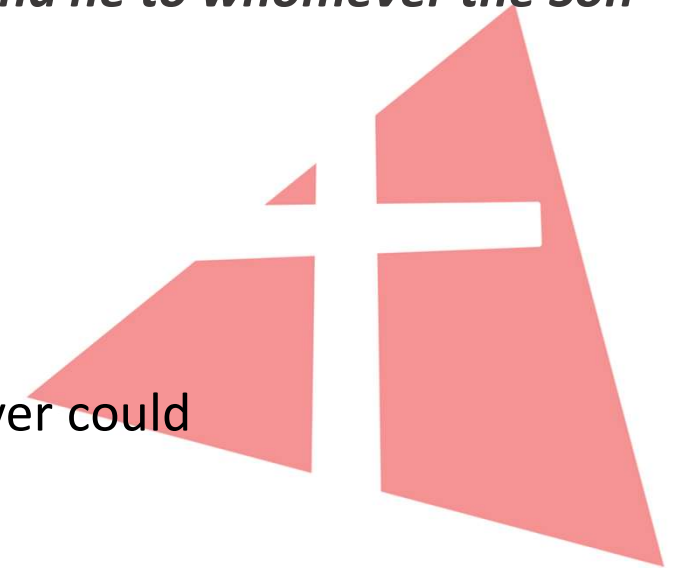


The Holy Spirit and Prayer

- We can't bring anybody to Jesus

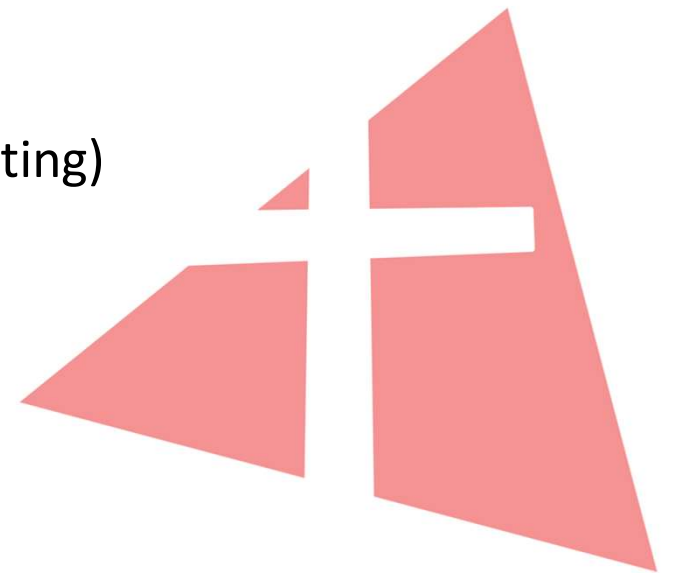
Matthew 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knows the Son, but the Father; neither knows any man the Father, except the Son, and he to whomever the Son will reveal him.

- We can only offer to be an instrument that God can use
- We need to pray
 - Pray that we say what God wants us to say
 - Pray that the Holy Spirit will do the work that our words never could

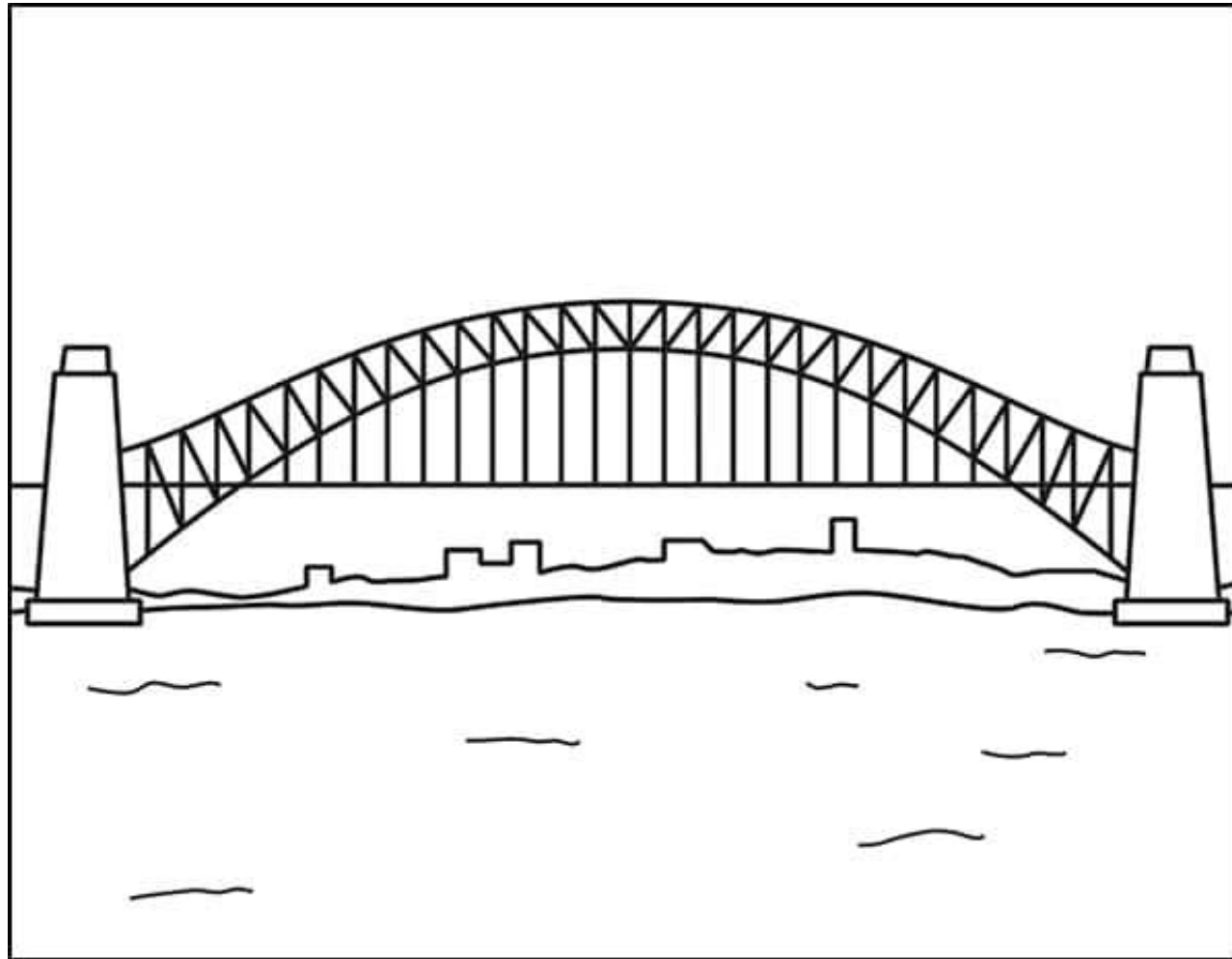
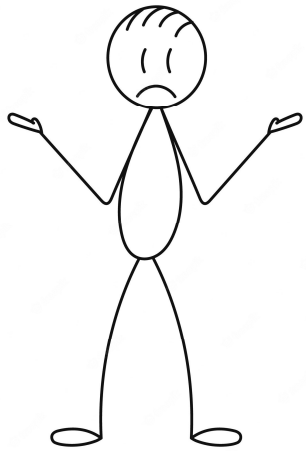


Aletheia 2023

- **Our prayer is that every member of our church will be ready to share the Gospel with Jesus all the time**
 - In season (e.g. Outreach events, etc.)
 - Out of season (being sensitive to God's guidance and prompting)



“Going” vs “shouting” over the bridge



Aletheia 2023

- **We will NOT put numeric goals on ourselves**
 - We can preach, but in the end, people make their own choice
- **Instead. we want this to become part of our church's culture**
 - We have improved a lot in embracing our anchor “build Christ-centered Community”
 - Now it's time to embrace the anchor of “reaching as many people as possible”



Aletheia 2023

- **We've tried proactive Outreach since 2018**
 - But we were not ready
- **This year is the time to finally get going**

