

The promise is for
you and your
children and for
all who are far
off—for all whom
the Lord our
God will call.

Acts 2:39



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Can I Get a Witness?

Once while on preschool playground duty I witnessed a car pull out into a motorcycle. I handed off my duties and went to the scene of the accident to offer my eyewitness testimony. The police officer had to get the attention of the agitated (uninjured) young motorcyclist who was mouthing off to the elderly lady driver of the car. "Settle down man! This lady is offering her eyewitness account. You should listen and get her information." Weeks later I was deposed by an attorney as a witness to this accident. I had seen something that mattered in that case that day.

In John 1:45 Phillip says to Nathaniel "Come and see." In John 1:39 Jesus himself says, "Come and you will see." Each person, regardless of their story and background, encounters Christ uniquely. Have you seen this Christ in your story? Do you have a witness? Mary in The Chosen says, "My life was once one way and now it is completely different. What happened in between was Him." Will you go on record to tell what you've seen?

As we approach the Passion Week and the very season of the death and resurrection of Jesus, let us see anew this WHO, Jesus the Christ of Nazareth. The connection made possible by God's intervention on our behalf as He literally, physically, cellularly, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually became human and yet God. Miraculously, mysteriously, supernaturally fully God, fully human. He offers us, as gift, his very own life. He laid himself across the canyon of separation and death so we can be reconnected to God and life. Everything flows from there.

Do you have a witness? Have you seen him do the impossible? Have you felt a touch of compassion and healing for which there is no explanation? Has the deep restless longing of your soul found its home in Him? Will you stand up and say so? He is the One...come and see. If you have seen Him, go and tell. Indeed you are a witness!

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