

WITNESSES FOR JESUS

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INTRO:

Before His Ascension and seating, Jesus commissioned His disciples to preach the Gospel in all the world. Why didn't He take us straight to Heaven? Obviously, He left us on Earth to do something for Him here that we can't do for Him in Heaven. What might that be? Witness to lost sinners by the power of His Spirit (**ACTS 1:8**).

What is a Witness?

- 1.) Tells what he knows. A witness provides evidence. He tells what he saw or heard. He tells the truth.
 - A.) **ACTS 2:32, 3:15, 10:39-40, 13:29-31, 22:14-15.**
 - B.) Simply put, a witness tells what he knows about Jesus.
- 2.) Shares what he's experienced.
 - A.) **1 JOHN 1:1-3** Christ appeared on Earth, he experienced Him personally, and now he shares what he experienced.
 - B.) To have an experience with someone, he must be alive. George Washington is dead, Abraham Lincoln is dead, but Jesus is alive!
- 3.) Speaks with confidence.
 - A.) **ROM. 1:16-17** A group of Christians visited a Muslim mosque. A Muslim speaker welcomed the group, then boldly stated that the Apostle Paul was wrong about Jesus. He said there's only one God whose name is Allah and Mohammed is his prophet. Jesus is not the son of God or savior of the world. Would we have been so bold?
 - B.) **ACTS 4:29-31**
- 4.) Is loyal unto death.
 - A.) **ACTS 1:8** The Greek word for witnesses is Martus, from which we get our word martyr.
 - B.) **ACTS 7:51-60** Stephen was a loyal witness (martyr) for Christ.

Conclusion: A true witness tells what he knows, shares his experience, speaks with confidence and is loyal to the end.