



# Speak Jesus

## Sharing the Answer

### Key Scripture:

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

### John the Baptizer Speaks Jesus

John 1:40-41, 45 NKJV

40 One of the two **who heard John speak**, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him,

"We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

### Reasons why Christians don't speak about Jesus

✓ **Fear** of rejection: Care more what others think than what Jesus did.

Isaiah 53:3 NLT

**He was despised and rejected** — a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way.

**He was despised, and we did not care.**

✓ **Feel inadequate**: Don't know how to start or what to say.

✓ **Worldly Influence**: Too busy, don't want to be pushy or offend.

### A world looking for answers...

- Why do bad things happen to good people?
- How can you believe in God and science?
- Can the Bible be trusted?
- Doesn't becoming a Christian require blind faith?
- Is Jesus the only way?
- Does God really love everyone?

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### Speak Jesus...

#### 1. Speak with **grace** & **truth**.

1 Peter 3:15 NASU

...yet with **gentleness and reverence**

✓ Connect: By finding common ground. (1 Corinthians 9:22-23 TLB)

1 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV

But **the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

✓ Relate: Begin with the natural then relate it to the spiritual. (John 4:10)

✓ Share: the reason **why** Jesus is Good News! (John 1:29 Lamb of God)

✓ End conversation in a positive and respectful way. (1 Peter 3:15)

#### 2. Speak with **confidence**: Be prepared to give an answer.

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Always **be prepared to give an answer to everyone**

who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

✓ **What do you believe?** \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **Why do you believe it?** \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Speak with your **life**: Be a genuine disciple of Jesus.

Matthew 5:13&16 CEV

13 You are like salt for everyone on earth. But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty? All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on.

16 **Make your light shine, so that others will see the good** that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

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