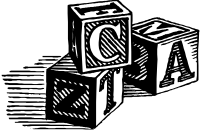


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for "The Beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God" - **Part 1**



Basic Ideas from Mark 1:1; Luke 24:25-27; Gen. 3:15; 1 Pet. 1:19, 20; Eph. 1:4

1. God has a singular end and means to that end. All of life contributes to the redemptive means of God for the complete and ultimately glorification of Himself.
2. God desires for each of us to surrender ourselves to this redemptive purpose by ordering our thoughts and choices around Him.
3. There is great peace and joy knowing that God is fulfilling His redemptive purpose in the world even when our feelings and circumstances would tell us otherwise.

Basic Questions from Mark 1:1; Luke 24:25-27; Gen. 3:15; 1 Pet. 1:19, 20; Eph. 1:4

1. How important is it to know where you are going when you begin a trip?
2. How important is it to know what the completed puzzle looks like before you start putting it together?
3. Does God have a singular intent for creation and biblical revelation?
4. How does the singular purpose of God impact your life on a daily basis?

Basic Application from Mark 1:1; Luke 24:25-27; Gen. 3:15; 1 Pet. 1:19, 20; Eph. 1:4

1. As fractured as your life may appear, it is a part of God's overarching purpose, and it is a part of the means to the mission of God. As you live your life, learn to ask yourself the question, "What part does this moment have in the redemptive purpose of God?"
2. Start thinking redemption. Who do you know that needs Jesus as their Savior?
3. Read your Bible believing all of the parts have one singular purpose. As you read your Bible, learn to ask yourself the question, "What part does this portion have in the redemptive purpose of God?" Make sure you are looking at the BIG PICTURE as you look at the various pieces.
4. Look at creation as having a redemptive purpose. As you view God's creative activity, learn to ask yourself the question, "What part does this portion of my life have in the redemptive purpose of God?"
5. It is my prayer that you will see and experience the joy of God that is in Christ Jesus in the midst of your chaotic existence.
6. Where do we go from here? What is the next action step?