

## How did Jesus evangelize?

There are many books that have been written about evangelism. Some deal with the concept of friendship evangelism. Others deal with the concept of community service evangelism. Others deal with the identification of sin and the need to confess and turn away from it.

1. What was Jesus' basic message?

Mark **1:14-15**

Matthew 4:17; **23:13-16, 23-29**

Luke **13:2-5**

Jesus calls for men everywhere to repent. He calls for the religious leaders to cease being hypocritical and to humble themselves so that they may become obedient to what God commands.

2. What is the Gospel?

Genesis 3:15

Micah 6:8

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The Gospel is the promise from God on account of Adam's sin. Adam sinned against God resulting his being separated from God. God then promised that He would provide a pathway for a restored relationship to Himself. Although Satan would deliver a blow to the "seed of the woman", it would ultimately not be fatal. The seed however, would deliver a fatal blow. The Gospel provides a way in which it is possible for man to pursue a life that is pleasing to God. That pathway is only available through faith in the person and work (death, burial, resurrection) of Jesus Christ.

3. What is required for one to repent?

Matthew 19:16-21

Mark 10:17-21

Luke **18:18-22**

John **8:9-11**

Matthew **3:4-8**

Romans **10:8-11**

Repentance means that a person must properly acknowledge that he has sinned before and against God. With repentance is the confession that sin has taken place and that the individual pursues a life that turns away from the sin and seeks to follow after Jesus. Jesus' evangelism was tied to the identification of the individual being a sinner in need of help to escape judgment. The way to escape judgment is a heartfelt repentance or turning from sin.

4. Shouldn't I be a friend before presenting the message of sin and repentance?

Matthew **21:12-13; 23:37-39**

James **4:4**

John **4:11-22, 8:26-37**

We do not have any scripture that points to Jesus making friends with people before communicating the reality of their sinfulness. He would often be in groups of a large number of people when He would identify the reality of the existence of their own sinfulness and their need for repentance and mercy from God.

5. Should I try to convince a person that he is a sinner before telling him about Jesus?

John **16:7-11**

2 Corinthians **10:3-5**

Acts **22:14-16**

1 Peter **3:15**

It is not my job nor yours to convince someone that he is a sinner. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is our job to always be prepared to answer people's questions and objections. Every thought and argument against God and His word can be answered by the Word of God. We can answer people's objections so that the strongholds against the gospel can be removed.