

CHRISTIANITY IS BETTER THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED.

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. **Luke 1:1-2 NIV** With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,

Luke 1:3 NIV

so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1:4 NIV

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— Luke 3:1 NIV

during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas...

Luke 3:2 NIV

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Luke 23:44 NIV

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Luke 23:45 NIV

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

Luke 24:1-2 NIV

but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 24:3 NIV

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:3 NIV

...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 NIV

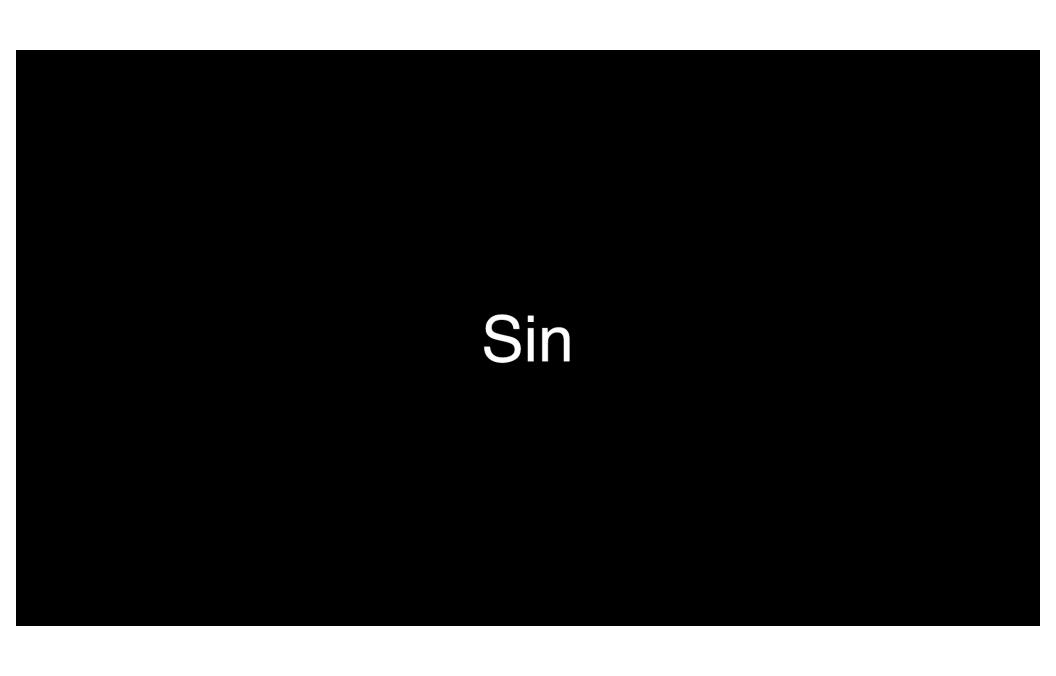
"...for fearlessness of death and the hereafter is something we witness in them everyday."

Claudius Galenus

The first followers of Jesus were fearless of death, hopeful for the future, and faithful in life...and the world was better because of it.

A New Covenant → Grace A New Commandment → Love A New Potential → The Holy Spirit A New Perspective → Grace & Truth A New Reality → Forgiven

God



Spiritual

Purpose

Greatness

Generosity

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After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. **Acts 1:9-10 NIV**

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11 NIV Live fearlessly of death.

Look hopefully to the future.

Live faithfully in the present.

The world will be better for it.