

What does it mean to be an eyewitness?

Has there been a time when you have been an eyewitness to an event and you had to say what you saw?

## Read these verses

From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we're telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us. 1 John 1:1-2

These words come from the disciple John who was saying he was an eyewitness to Jesus. He saw him. He heard him. He touched him. He knew him.

Would you believe what John said about Jesus? Why or why not?

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We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!

1 John 1:3-4

John knew Jesus. What did he do with that knowledge?

Is there any lesson there for us as to what we should do with the knowledge we have of Jesus?

John could have made excuses for not telling others about Jesus

- I am only a fisherman. I don't have a high education. What can I do?
- Jesus was the Son of God and people didn't listen to Him. Why would they listen to me?
- I am getting old and I have given everything to Jesus. I need a rest. OR Where has it gotten me?

What excuses do you have for not telling others about Jesus?

Why do you think John was passionate in telling people about Jesus?

What motivates you to tell others about Jesus?

We are eyewitnesses to what Jesus has done in our own lives. Like John, we should be passionate about the souls of the lost (those who don't know Jesus). We must desperately desire that they too have the same relationship with Jesus that we do. If we have this passion and love for the lost, this attitude will "leak" through in our sharing so that it will be very real and tangible

In your prayer time ask God to renew your passion and love for those who do not yet know Jesus. Ask God to open your eyes to the opportunities to speak Jesus to the people around you

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