

THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S PLAN

He Is Risen
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"God gave me the responsibility of bringing his kindness to you. You have heard that he let me know this mystery through a revelation . . . [and] the mystery about Christ. In the past, this mystery was not known by people as it is now. The Spirit has now revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is the Good News that people who are not Jewish have the same inheritance as Jewish people do. They belong to the same body and share the same promise that God made in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 3:2-6 (GW)

THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY IN 5 ACTS

ACT 1: _____

• TO REVEAL _____

"Everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory." Romans 11:36 (NLT)

• TO EXPRESS _____

"His compassion is intertwined with everything he does." Psalm 145:9 (TLB)

• TO FORM _____

"He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession." James 1:18 (NLT)

"When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth." Ephesians 3:14-15 (TLB)

ACT 2: _____

"Sin came into the world because of what one man did, and with sin came death." Romans 5:12 (NCV)

"Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us." Romans 3:23 (MSG)

"For creation was condemned to lose its purpose . . . Yet there was the hope that creation itself would one day be set free from its slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God." Romans 8:20-21 (GNT)

ACT 3: _____
"Jesus was given to die for our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God." Romans 4:25 (NCV)

"When we were unable to help ourselves, at the right time, Christ died for us, although we were living against God." Romans 5:6 (NCV)

"The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins." Romans 8:3 (NLT)

ACT 4: _____
"How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him." 1 Kings 18:21 (NIV)

"Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God." John 7:17 (NIV)

"Christ died for all so that those who live would not continue to live for themselves. He died for them and was raised from the dead so that they would live for him." 2 Corinthians 5:15 (NCV)

"Today I am giving you a choice between good and evil, between life and death." Deuteronomy 30:15 (GNT)

ACT 5: _____
"Jesus died for us so that we can live together with him. It is not important if we are alive or dead when Jesus comes." 1 Thessalonians 5:10 (ERV)

"This is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth." Ephesians 1:10 (NLT)

"God's home is now with his people. He will live with them, and they will be his own. Yes, God will make his home among his people. He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever." Revelation 21:3-4 (CEV)

"All creation is eagerly waiting for God to show who his children are . . . that creation would be set free from decay and would share in the glorious freedom of his children." Romans 8:19, 21 (NLT)

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