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## Definitions

1. Evangelism is an act of believers who participate with the Holy Spirit in telling people about God's love for them and inviting them into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Evangelism comes from a Greek word, *euangelion* which means good news or good message. A distant runner in wartime would bring messages from a distant battle to a city to let the residents know what was happening. The ones that brought good news from the battle were called evangelists - "those who bring good news".
2. The Gospel is ultimately about Jesus. The word "Gospel" means "good news". Jesus went from town to town preaching the good news.
3. "God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). God's motivation is Love.
4. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, NKJV). Jesus died for sinners.
5. I Corinthians 15:1-6 in summary says that Christ died for our sins; came back from the dead
6. The Greek word for "witness" is *martus* from which the English word, martyr, comes. Often, those in the early Church were martyred for this faith as a result of their witness for Christ.

Someone said: Evangelism is "One beggar telling another beggar where to find food."

A good witness is one who shares the truth about what they have seen. John says: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life" (I John 1:1).

## Exercise

Make a list of your "good news" about Jesus and then share this good news with someone who doesn't know Christ this week.