



## The Sentence That Reshaped Planet Earth

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### BIG IDEA

One sentence of the gospel changes everything.

### OUTLINE

Romans 1:1–7 shows me...

1. A **Servant** who belongs to Christ and is sent with His message (v.1).
2. **Scripture** that promised the gospel 4,000 years beforehand (v.2).
3. The **Savior** who is both Son of Man and Son of God (vv.3–4).
4. **Sanity** that begins with the obedience of faith, for all nations (v.5).
5. **Saints** who are called, beloved, and set apart (vv.6–7).

### CALL TO RESPOND

1. Bow to your Master: love Him as a bond-servant would.
2. Read your Bible as one story pointing to Jesus.
3. Believe the one thing God asks: recognize sin, turn to God, accept His Son.
4. Remember your name: you are called, beloved, and holy.
5. Tell someone the good news.

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Romans 1:1–7 out loud together. Paul packs the whole gospel into one sentence. Which phrase stands out most to you, and why?
2. Paul says the gospel was promised beforehand in the Scriptures, from Genesis 3:15 to Malachi. How does it change the way you read the Old Testament to know it all points to one Person? What habit could help you read it that way?
3. Jesus is both Son of Man (born of David's line) and Son of God (declared so by the resurrection). Why does it matter that He is both? Which one are you more likely to forget?
4. The gospel is an elevator, not a ladder: you don't climb, you step in and trust. Where are you still trying to climb?

### DIRECT APPLICATION

1. Are you resting in what Christ has done for you, or striving to earn God's grace, forgiveness, and love?
  - a. If you're resting, share how you've cultivated this posture of trust.
  - b. If you're struggling, confess this as a failure to trust and believe what God has said, and submit your mind and heart to His word.



c. As a group, let's commit to encouraging those who are doing well, and to coming alongside those who are struggling with regular reminders of God's truth.

2. Paul's world was full of pagan rituals and cruelty, yet the gospel brought billions into sanity. Who in your life needs to hear it? Pray together for one name, and share one step you will take this week.