# THEN AND NOW, JESUS AND YOU

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# Message Summary.

The New Testament shows that Jesus fulfills all Scripture. The Gospels, Acts, the Letters, and Revelation continue God's story and invite us to live it. The Church doesn't just remember Acts 1-28. God calls us to write Acts 29 with our lives.

### **Key Scriptures.**

**Mark 1:1.** "The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God."

John 14:12. "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

<u>Acts 1:1-2</u>. "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven."

**Romans 8:1.** "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:28. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:37-39. "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

#### Start Talking.

When have you felt like you "weren't good enough" to understand the Bible? What helped you move forward?

Have you ever been surprised by how relevant the Bible felt to a modern situation in your life? What was that like?

#### Start Thinking.

- Why do you think there are four Gospels instead of just one?
- Read Acts 1:1-2 and John 14:12. What does it mean that Jesus calls the Church to continue His work?

 Mark 1:1 says this is the "beginning of the good news." How do we keep that good news at the center of our lives?

## Start Sharing.

- The sermon explained how the Gospels give different perspectives on Jesus. Which Gospel do you connect with most right now: Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, and why?
- 2. The sermon used the phrase "You don't need good newses. You need the good news." What does that mean to you personally?
- 3. Romans 8 gives multiple encouragements for those following Jesus. Which of those verses (v.1, 15, 28, 37–39) speaks to your current season the most?
- 4. The Book of Acts ends in chapter 28, but the message was that we're writing Acts 29 with our lives. What might your Acts 29 verse say this week?
- 5. Do you know someone whose "preoccupation" is clearly kingdom-focused, even if their occupation is something ordinary? What inspires you about their example?

#### Start Praying.

Jesus, thank You for the good news that changes everything. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to continue Your work through the Church. Help us live with boldness, hope, and love. Teach us to obey, not just to understand, and use us to write Acts 29 with our lives. Amen.

#### Start Doing.

- Try the 1-1-1-4 Challenge: This week, read 1 chapter a day, pick 1 verse, and obey it for 1 hour. Do this for 4 days this week.
- Pick one Gospel to read this month:
   Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, and invite a friend to read it with you.
- Write your Acts 29 verse: What will your obedience story look like this season?
   Share it with your group or journal it.