



# Practical Tools for Everyday Evangelism

(or: How to Talk About Jesus Without Looking Like An Idiot)

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uses of a good question





**Questions can expose  
motives and assumptions**





**Questions help  
create a conversation**





**Questions force  
people think**





**Questions take  
the pressure off you**





Jesus: The Master Question-Asker



As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus replied. “No one is good — except God alone.”

Mark 10:17-18



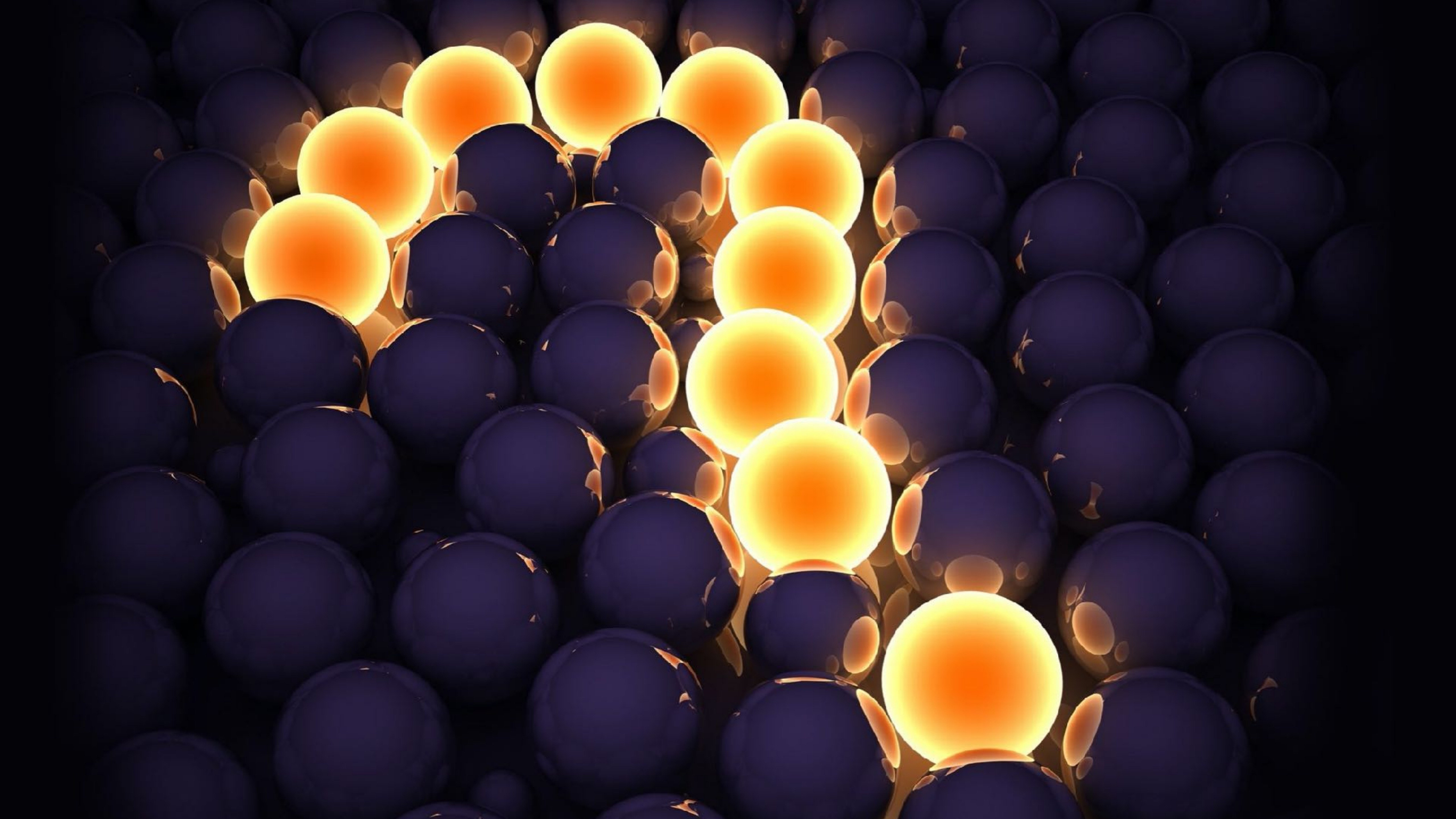
Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

Matthew 22:15-17

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

Matthew 22:18-22







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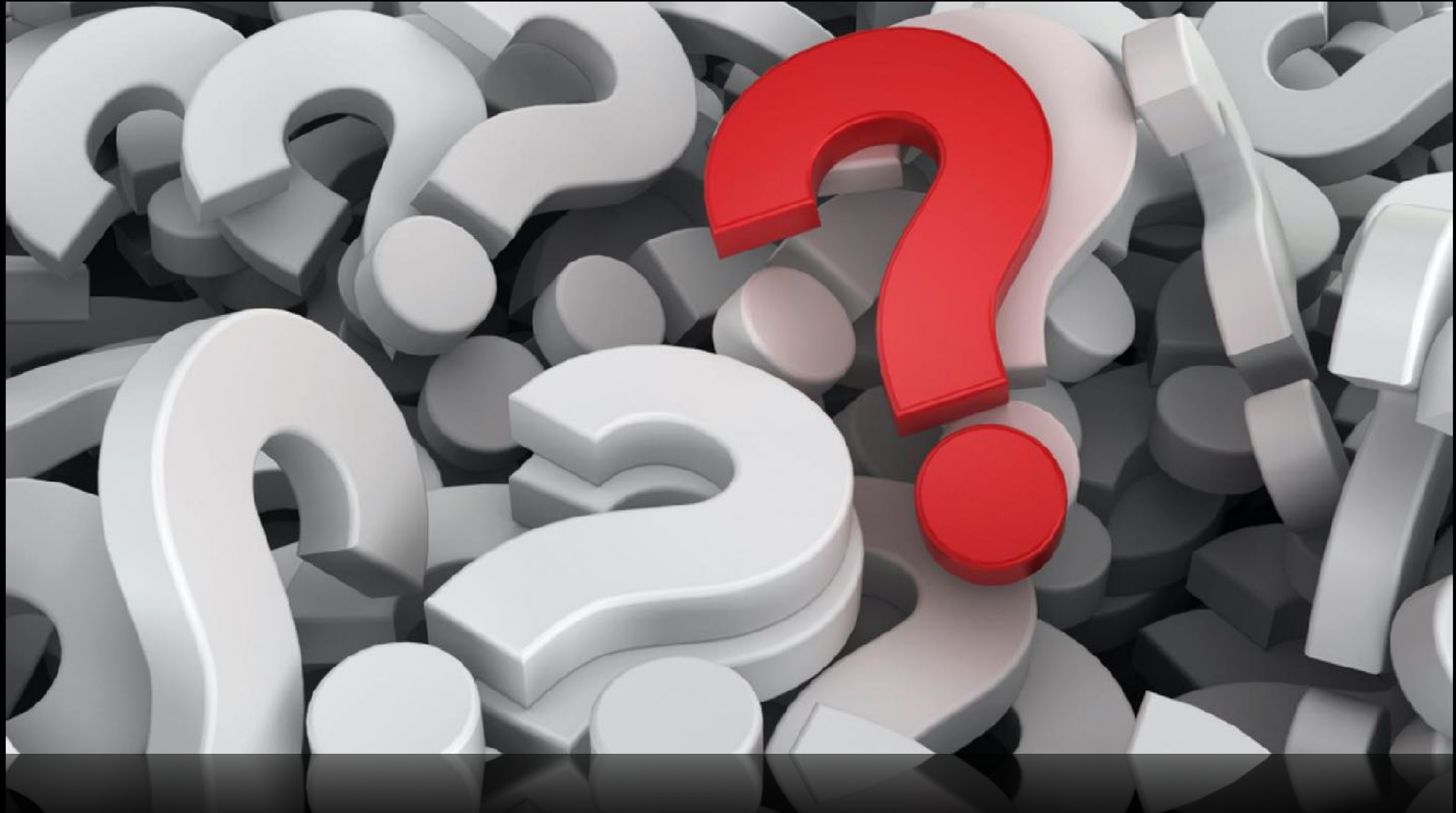
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**The Power of Questions**



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Peter answered: “You are the Christ.”

Mark 8:27-29

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9



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