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You Shall be My witnesses

Acts 1:8

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Acts 1:6-8

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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You will received Power

What power?

- The power that comes from the Spirit of God.
- The power that opened the eyes of the blind, and the hearts of unbelievers.
 - The power that raised the dead.
 - The Power that comes from God Himself.

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Power to do what?

It is the power to speak the word of God

- Power to understand the word of God***
- Power to experience God in a fuller way.***

***A more intimate relationship, hearing His voice,
knowing His will.***

- Power to see your sin and repent of it***

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You are not powerful in yourself?

- You are the creature.

- You are sinful

- You are powerless.

Therefore, you need the power of God to carry out His will, not your own.

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How do you get this power?

Prayer:

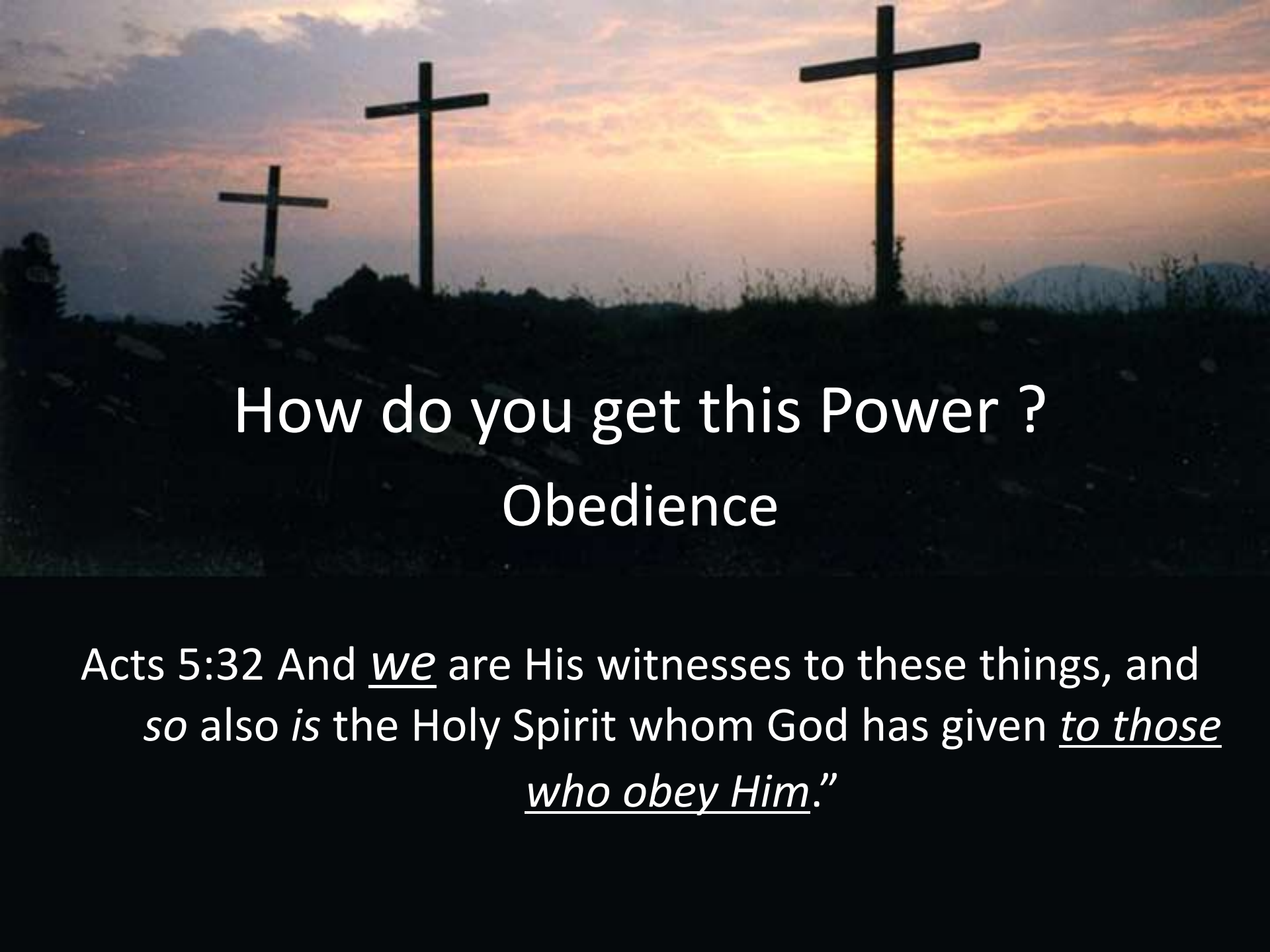
- Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

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How do you get this Power ?

Laying on of hands

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

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How do you get this Power ? Obedience

Acts 5:32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

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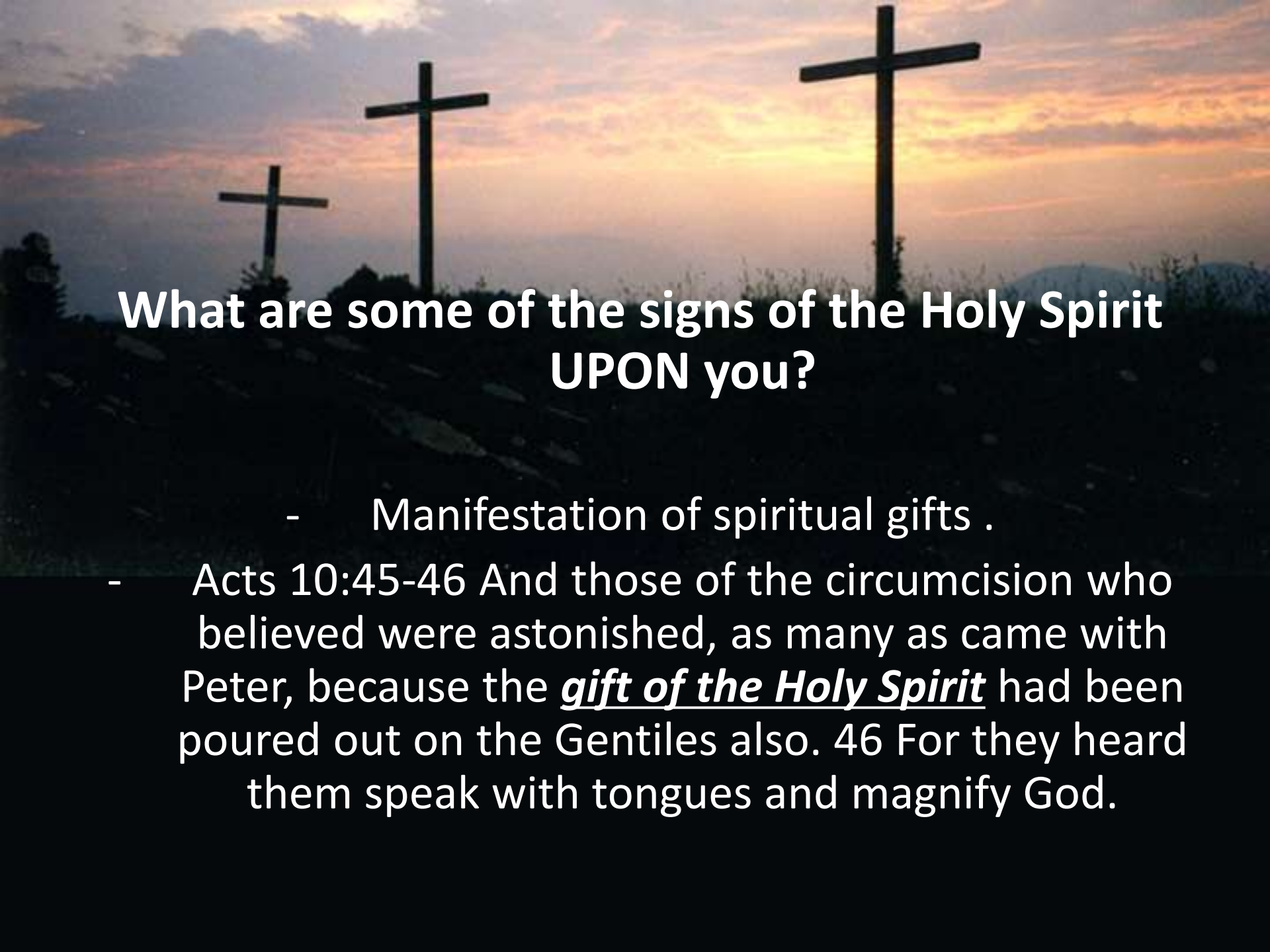
When do you receive this power?

- You must first be cleansed by Jesus before you can be indwelt by the Spirit.
 - Two areas to look at here.
 - Justification: Guarantees the Holy Spirit **IN** you.
 - Sanctification: often results in the Holy Spirit **UPON** you.




What are some of the signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit IN you?

A desire to hear God's word. A desire for repentance, turning from sin, A desire to love others. An increase in your knowledge and understanding of God. And, of course, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, etc.

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What are some of the signs of the Holy Spirit UPON you?

- Manifestation of spiritual gifts .
- Acts 10:45-46 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the *gift of the Holy Spirit* had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

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What are some of the signs of the Holy Spirit UPON you?

Prophecy

***Acts 2:18 And on My menservants and on My
maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.***

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What are some of the signs of the Holy Spirit UPON you?

Profound Repentance - Acts 11:15-18

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If therefore God gave them the same gift as *He gave* us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" 18 When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."



What are some of the signs of the Holy Spirit UPON you?

Speaking the word of God with boldness

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What is the purpose of this power?

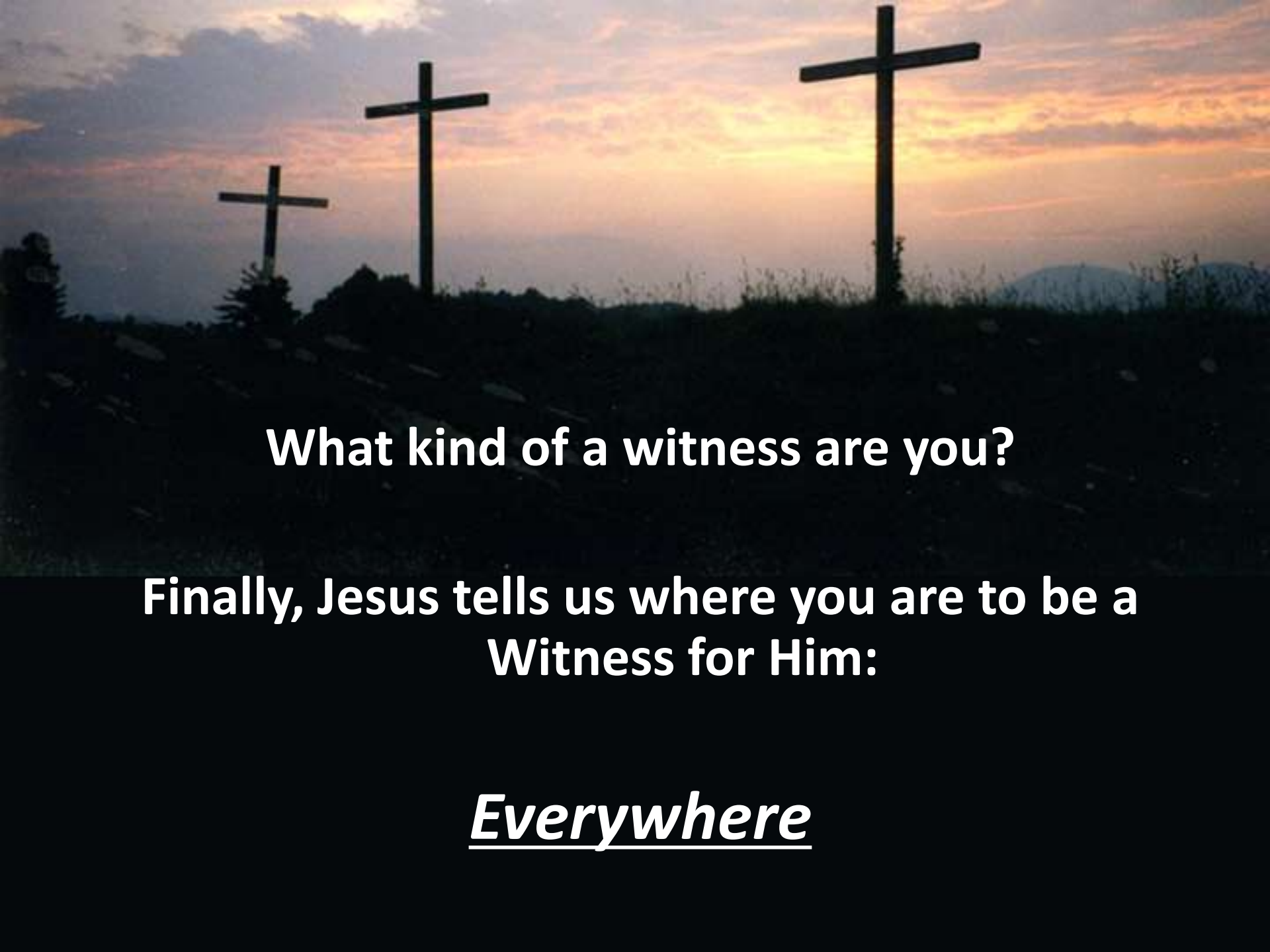
To be Witnesses for Jesus.

"...but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses..."



John 15:26

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father,
He will testify of Me.



What kind of a witness are you?

**Finally, Jesus tells us where you are to be a
Witness for Him:**

Everywhere