

Jesus Christ Proved He's God!

Many religions will acknowledge that Jesus was a prophet, a good man, a gifted teacher, even a spiritual man, but that's as far as they go. God's Word predicates a whole different scenario. Throughout His ministry Jesus never hedged His claim to be God. He even said, "If you don't believe My words then look at My deeds and believe." In John's gospel one of His clearest statements about the deity of Christ is *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.* John 1:1-3. John's gospel records 7 statements of Jesus - all beginning with I am which reveals His divinity. *I am the Bread of life 6:48, I am the Light of the world 8:12, I am the Door of the sheep 10:7, I am the Good Shepherd 10:11, I am the Resurrection and the Life 11:25, I am the Way 14:6, and I am the true Vine 15:1.* Many skeptics have made it their mission to prove Jesus Christ never rose from the dead. When they gather all the data from various professional sources the evidence is overwhelming. Jesus died from brutal physical torture, and asphyxiation. The spear thrust into His side proved that He was dead when it broke the sack around His heart and water and blood spilled out. The proof goes further when after the resurrection Jesus appeared to all of His disciples and over 500 other believers 1 Cor 15:1-8. If Christ has not been raised then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is also. If the resurrection is a hoax

then all of Christianity is like a house of cards that will collapse. We believe it's true and there is no greater decision in the world! The tomb could not keep Him, and death could not defeat Him! God's holiness demanded justice, and God the Father had the perfect solution. It was a holy blood sacrifice in which His Son was the Lamb. You talk about a God who loves! Wow! This thought hit me recently as I was reflecting on these truths in Isaiah 53:10 *But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering.* God's love sent Jesus. His justice killed Jesus, and His mercy exchanged Jesus for me! I'm in awe! How about you?

All of you make such a huge impact with your powerful prayers and monthly giving. We want you to know how thankful we are for your faithful partnership. You are a significant part of the harvest.

I remember an inmate who came to Jail, recommitted his life to Christ, and became a strong influence for Christ in his housing unit. One day he noticed a fellow inmate who was downcast. He approached and said, "Are you okay it seems that you are troubled about something?" The man said he was going to court and looking at 25 years. The Christian said, "Can I pray for you?" The man said, "I don't care what you do, I'm an atheist. Go ahead if it makes you feel better." The Christian prayed for him, and he left for court. When the man returned later in the day, he came into

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TIP OF THE MONTH: *I AM the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me shall never die.*

POLK COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY NEWS

CHRIST'S TRANSFORMING POWER CHANGES LIVES

2 Cor. 3:18

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A Transformed Life! – Shannon King

From Chains to Grace: My Journey Home

For a long time my life was defined by addiction and the heavy weight of drug use. That path eventually led me to a place I never thought I'd be, a jail cell. Looking back I realize that while I was physically locked up I had been a prisoner to my choices, and substances for years. It was in that dark place at my absolute lowest, that I stopped relying on my own strength and turned to God. I realized that I couldn't fix myself. I needed a Redeemer. Today I am standing here clean, sober, and free—not because of my

own willpower, but solely by the grace of God. He met me in that cell, broke the chains of my past, and gave me a second chance I didn't deserve. Being out of jail is a blessing, but being free from the addiction that owned me is a miracle. I am living proof that no one is ever too far gone for God's mercy. If He can do it for me, He can do it for anyone!! - Shannon King



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the unit, ran to find his new friend who had prayed and said, "You won't believe it! I was looking at 25 years, but the judge dismissed my charges and I'm going home! I don't know what you have but I want it", and

the Christian led him to Christ! The Gospel is truly transformational and revolutionary! Amen!!

*In His Service,
~ Chaplain Jerry*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for inmates' sensitivity to the things of God; to read their Bibles, belong to a prayer group in their pod, and sign up for Bible study.
- Pray for former inmates to have a continual daily walk with Christ, connect with a Bible based local church, seek a spiritual mentor, find gainful employment, make godly choices, break off ungodly associations, and make contact at the DOC.
- Volunteer Rich Thomson's wife Elaine would stay in remission.
- Continued prayer for a Chaplain replacement called and burdened for the ministry.
- Prayer for a continued mutual working relationship and favor with the Sheriff's office as we are their privileged guests in the Jail.
- Greater awareness of Sunday services at 10:00 and a larger number of inmates would awaken to watch. Pray pod officers are willing to play it each Sunday.
- Pray for a hunger of God's Word and Christian leaders would step up to lead prayer groups and Bible studies in their pods.
- God will mightily use every precious volunteer as they sow the Word of God.
- The Lord will use the inmates who respond to the gospel and are saved to have a great impact on their families, and they will grow spiritually.
- Prayer for S1 and S3 women's units that they would have an insatiable appetite for God's Word.
- God will keep our public servants, the Detention Officers in the Jail, and Deputies out on patrol safe from harm's way. God will protect the emotional well being of the Sheriff's office staff with all the work related stress with so much over time.
- Brokenness will continue to be evident in those coming to the Polk County Jail, and they will see their ultimate need for a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Speaking opportunities about the ministry would be available in local churches.
- Wisdom from God for daily decisions with ministry needs that arise.

- Lots of clothes, shoes and books have been donated. Thanks to all who have participated.
- Divine appointments as I go throughout my day.
- Breaking down strongholds in the inmate's lives.
- We see how faithfully sowing God's Word through the distribution of Bibles has impacted the Jail population. Inmate leaders are carrying out the Great Commission as they step up and minister to fellow inmates!! To Him be all glory, honor, and praise!! AMEN!!!

MOST WANTED:

- Paperback books from Jim Cymbala, Gary Smalley, Mike Lindell, Tony Evans, Gary Chapman, Steve Farrar, Joni Eareckson Tada, Kim Meeder - *Hope Rising*
- Big need for paperback Christian Hispanic reading materials.

Ministry Monthly Report: April 2026

| | Monthly: | Ytd: |
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| Inmate Request: | 1,002 | 3,624 |
| One-on-One inmate counseling: | 905 | 3,520 |
| Religious reading materials given: | 961 | 3,494 |
| Bible Study groups: | 57 | 232 |
| Inmates involved with studies: | 386 | 1,875 |
| View Worship Service: | 199 | 815 |
| Volunteer Hours: | 203 | 769 |
| Number of Volunteers: | 27 | 106 |
| Bibles given: | 446 | 1,601 |
| Number of New Believers: | 25 | 94 |

ANSWERS:

- Thanksgiving and praise to our Great God for the indescribable gift of His Son!



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