

**And Hope Was Born
Testimonies of Hope
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Key Verse of the Night

And his name will be the hope of all the world. Matthew 12:21 NLT

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen.... Hebrews 11:1

Three things will last forever — faith, hope and love... 1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT

Big Thought of the Night

Jesus is claiming that _____ is under his authority. How do you back up a claim like that?

Testimonies of Hope

1. The Testimony of a _____ — _____.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" Luke 1:26-33 NLT

Then the angel said, "I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news!" Luke 1:19 NLT

I STAND IN THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD! — Gabriel

Gabriel had spent time in _____.

Gabriel's testimony about Jesus demonstrates the HOPE we can have in _____ for our lives and the whole world.

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2. The Testimony of the _____ — _____.

As Jesus was climbing out of the boat, a man who was possessed by demons came out to meet him. For a long time he had been homeless and naked, living in the tombs outside the town. As soon as he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down in front of him. Then he screamed, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Please, I beg you, don't torture me!" For Jesus had already commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. This spirit had often taken control of the man. Even when he was placed under guard and put in chains and shackles, he simply broke them and rushed out into the wilderness, completely under the demon's power.

Jesus demanded, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, for he was filled with many demons. The demons kept begging Jesus not to send them into the bottomless pit.

There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby, and the demons begged him to let them enter into the pigs. So Jesus gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned. Luke 8:27-33 NLT

Do you know how these Demons knew who Jesus was?

The Demons knew who Jesus was because they had spent time in _____.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see — such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. Colossians 1:15b-16 NLT

The Demons Testimony about Jesus demonstrates the HOPE we can have in _____ in our lives and the whole world.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT

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3. The Testimony of a _____ — _____.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:13-16 NLT

Here is what makes Peter's testimony so authentic.... he had spent time in Jesus' _____.

Peter's testimony about Jesus demonstrates the HOPE we can have in _____.

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 2 Peter 1:16 NIV

The Bottom Line

Jesus was born as a baby 2000 years ago so that **YOU** could spend time in _____ too.

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NLT

What will your testimony be?