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Friendship, Evangelism, Discipleship,
and Healthy Growth*

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THE GOSPEL IN THE STARS

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HOW THE ZODIAC PROCLAIMS THE MESSAGE OF REDEMPTION

- I
- Introduction
 - Their secular life
 - Their church background
 - Our church
 - Testimony (Personal and/or church)
 - (Your testimony)
 - Two questions

You can know these things have written to you that believe on the name of the son of God, that ye may know that you have eternal life.

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1st John 5:13

1. Have you come to the place in your spiritual life that if you were to die tonight, you would be sure that you would go to heaven?
2. If you were to die tonight and stand before God, and He were to say to you, "why should I let you into my heaven"? what would you say.

Transition - When you answered the first question, I thought I had good news for you, but after you answered the second one, I knew that I had the greatest news on earth, and that is

II The Gospel

Grace

Heaven is a free gift - (Romans 6:23) The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

It is not earned or deserved - (Ephesians 2:8, 9) For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.

Transition - This is more clearly seen when we see what the bible has to say about Man.

Man

Is a sinner (Romans 3:23) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Sin 99% Forgotten (Illustration)

Three Sins a Day (Illustration) *if we want to get to heaven by our works, then we must be perfect*

Matthew 5:48 - Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Cannot save himself

Omelet with Bad Eggs (Illustration)

Proverbs 14:12 - There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is the ways of death.

Transition - This comes into sharper focus when we see what the bible says about God.

God

Is merciful - (Jeremiah 31:3b) "Yea, I have loved ye with an everlasting love".

Is just - (Exodus 34:7b) God says, he will by no means clear the guilty.

Transition - This caused a problem. God loves the sinner but hates the sin. He solved this problem in the person of Jesus Christ.

Christ

Who He is - *the infinite God-man -* (John 1:1, 14) In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 20:28 Thomas said, "My Lord and My God".

What He did

Record Book (Illustration)

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The Results of This Ministry

The Evangelism Explosion ministry has been in continuous operation in the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the past 33 years. Up to 700 people have gone out weekly to share the Good News of Christ with others. God's gracious working through this effort has been exciting to observe. The church has grown from 17 to about 9,000 members and from one minister to 19. Of more importance than membership figures is the actual attendance on Sundays. The attendance has reached more than 12,000 on a peak Sunday morning. In the area of stewardship, the church has gone from home-mission support to a budget of more than \$30 million. Approximately 150 families from the church have gone into full-time Christian service. Coral Ridge now telecasts its services to some 25,000 cities and communities and 35 countries. But Evangelism Explosion isn't confined to Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Pastors have been trained in every nation on every continent and have returned to equip their laypeople for personal evangelism and discipleship, and the Evangelism Explosion ministry has been planted in every nation of the world.