

# Elim Fountain of Hope Church, Oldham

## The Manna

**THEME:** EVANGELISM – Being Salt & Brighter Light

**SESSION 4** (cont.2 )

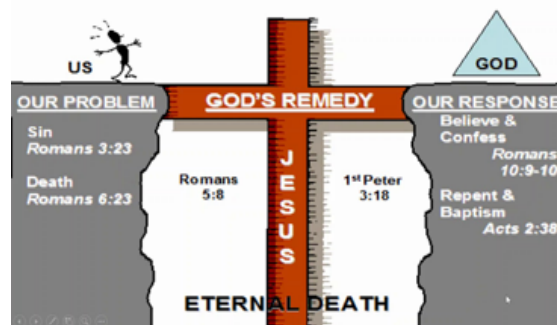
**TOPIC:** THE EVANGELIST'S MESSAGE

**TEXT:** Acts 2 v 14 - 41

### Read Snapshot “The Bridge

#### THE BRIDGE

The bridge illustration works well because it can be drawn simply and clearly. In this illustration, there's a hill on one side, a chasm in the middle, and another hill on the other side. Sin separates a person from God. The result of trying to get to God on our own will be death— both physical and spiritual. There's only one way to cross the chasm of sin and that's the bridge. The cross of Jesus spans the distance between us and God the Father. Jesus Christ is the only way to God. When we trust in His death on the cross, we are freed from the power of sin and the judgment of death.



**Q6.** In what situation might you use this illustration to effectively communicate the message of salvation?

### Read Snapshot “The Roman Road”

#### THE ROMAN ROAD

There is a classic three-step presentation of how to become a Christian often called The Roman Road, because it is all right in the Book of Romans.

This approach seems to be most effective when people are nearing a point of decision. At this point, they simply need a brief biblical explanation of the essence of Christianity. First, Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We must

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acknowledge our own sin. Second, Romans 6:23 says, "*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" The wages, or payment, for our sins is death. However, the wonderful gift offered by God is forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus. Third, Romans 10:13 says, "*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*" When we call on Jesus for forgiveness, He will cleanse us, give us a new beginning, and help us live as His children forever.

**Q7.** What central elements of the Gospel are included in The Roman Road?

*How can this simple, three-step presentation of the Gospel lead a person to new life in Jesus Christ?*

**Q8.** Which of the four illustrations discussed in this session feels most comfortable and natural to you?

*What is appealing to you about that particular illustration?*

## PUTTING YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE

### MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Take time before your next meeting to write out your personal testimony. Who is Jesus Christ to you? What difference He made in your life? What benefits and joys do you experience in your life because you are a follower of Christ. Use space provided to write out your story of faith.

### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Before your next meeting, link up with another group member and practice one of the other Gospel presentations. Which will you commit to learn and practice over the coming days: Do vs. Done, The Bridge, or The Roman Road? First, practice on your own. Then ask a group member or other Christian friend if you may practice on them. You will be surprised how quickly these approaches can be learned and incorporated into your daily life.