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Love in Action – Series



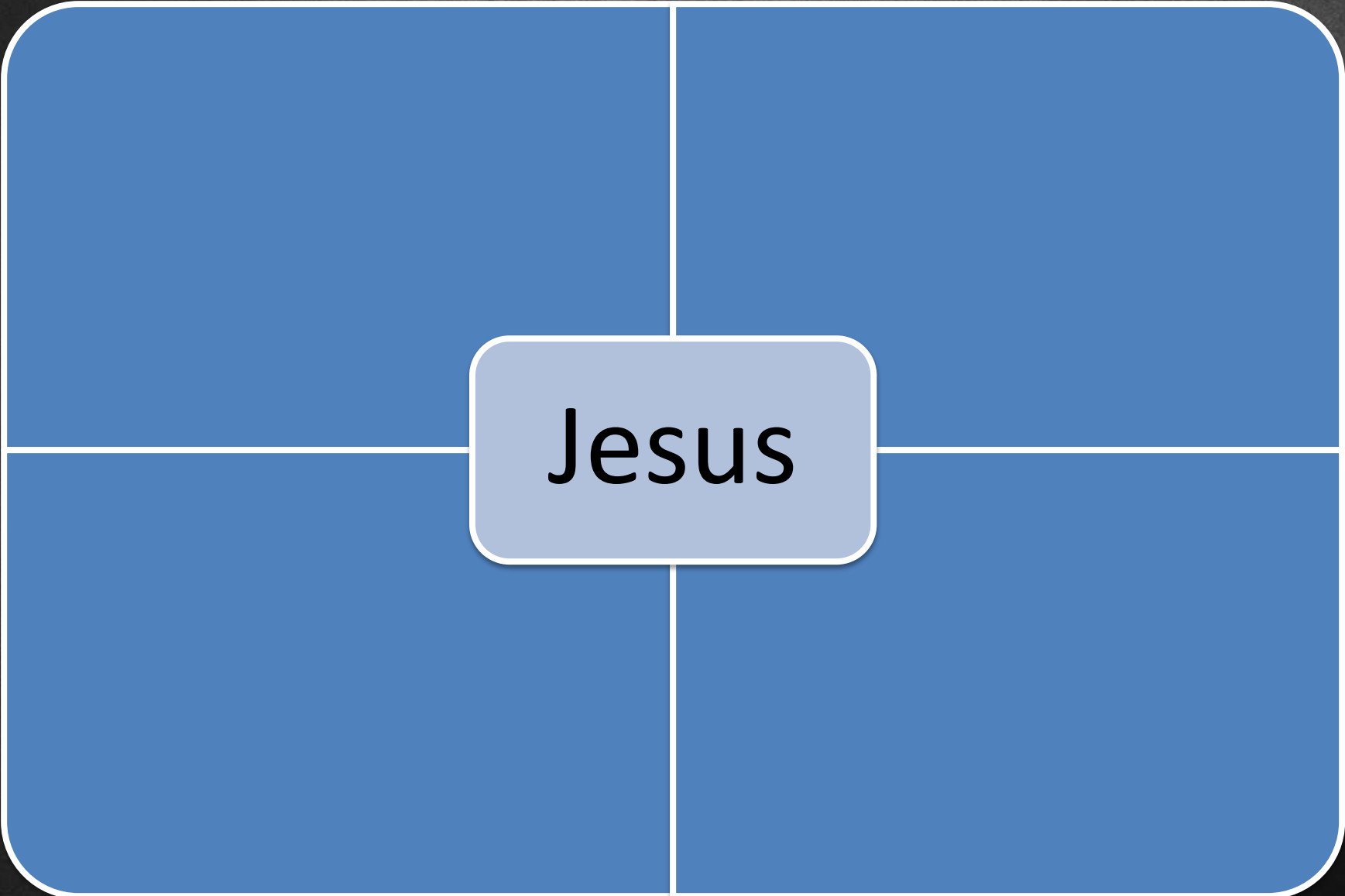
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Love in Action – Part One

Re-Claiming

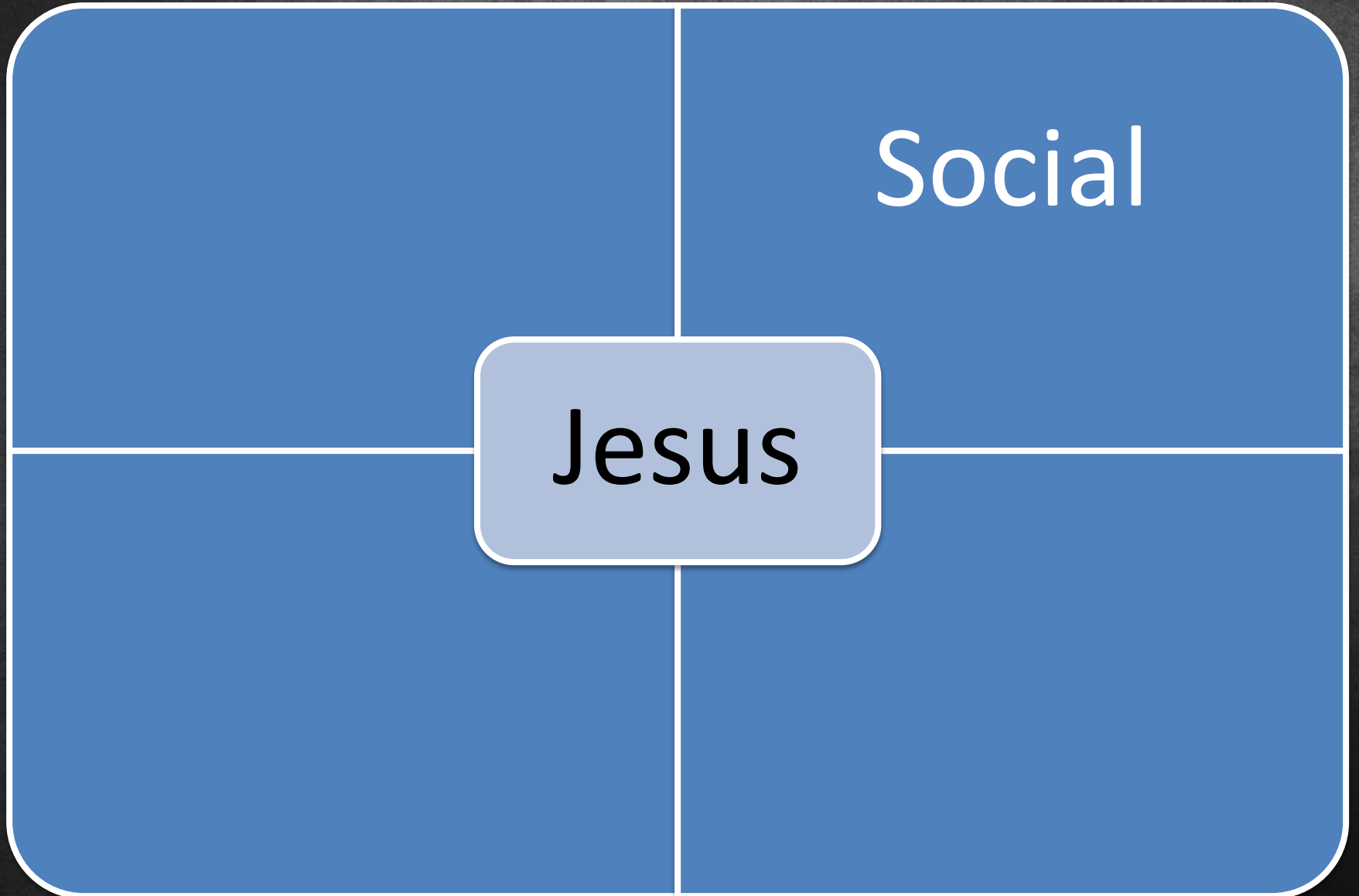
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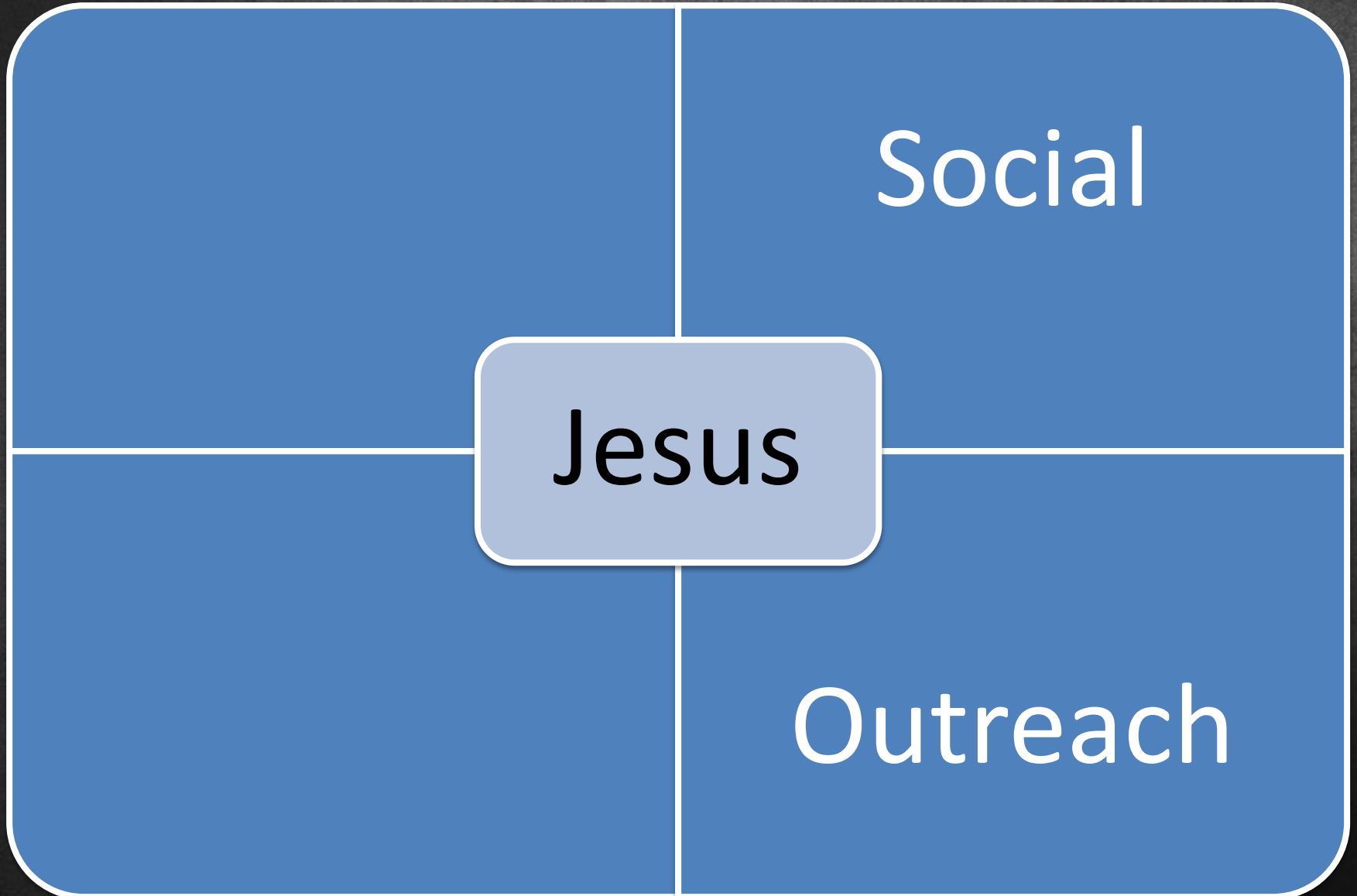
Jesus

The diagram consists of a large blue rounded rectangle divided into four equal quadrants by a white cross. In the center of the cross is a smaller, light blue rounded rectangle containing the word 'Jesus' in black text.

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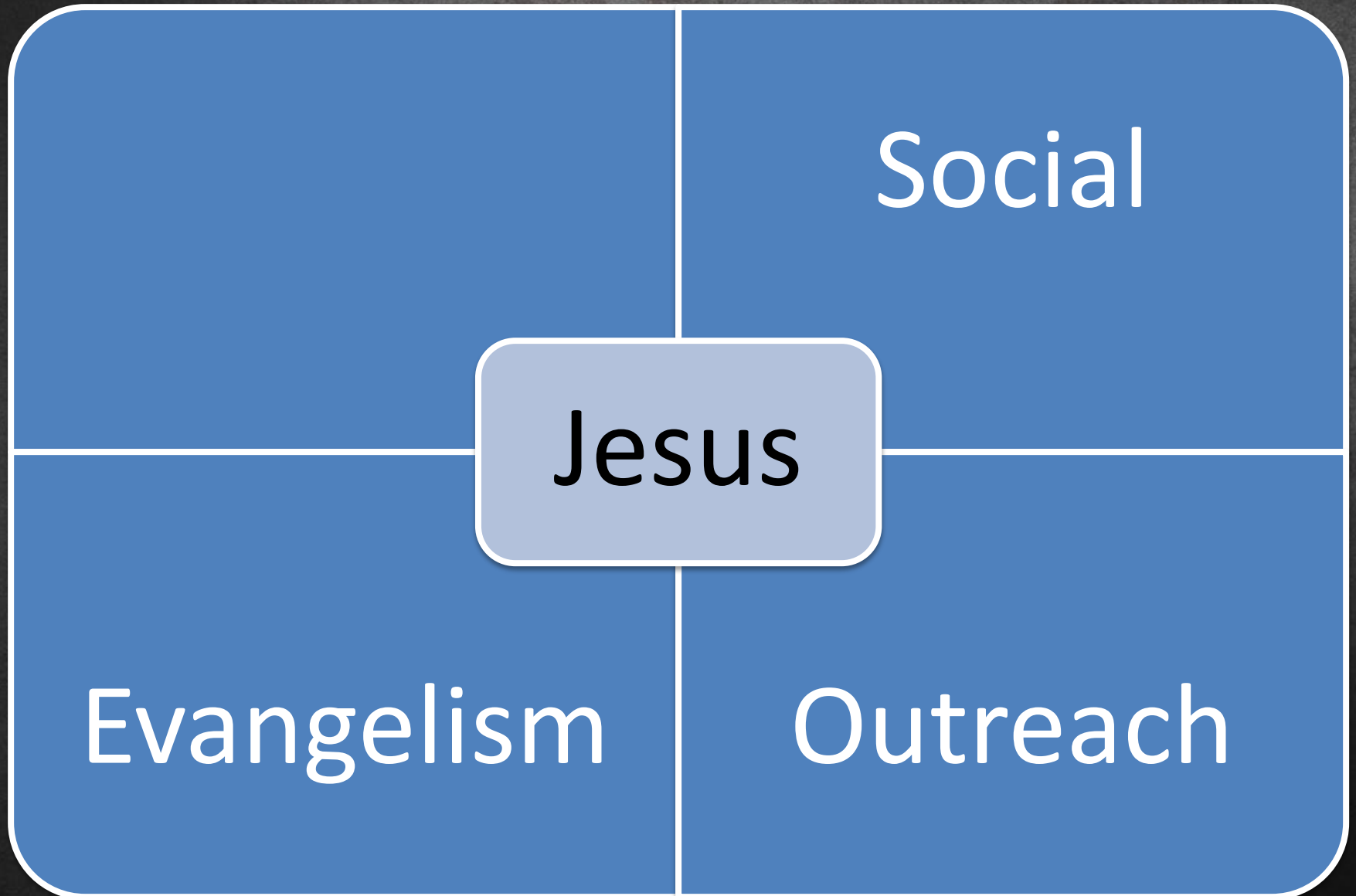


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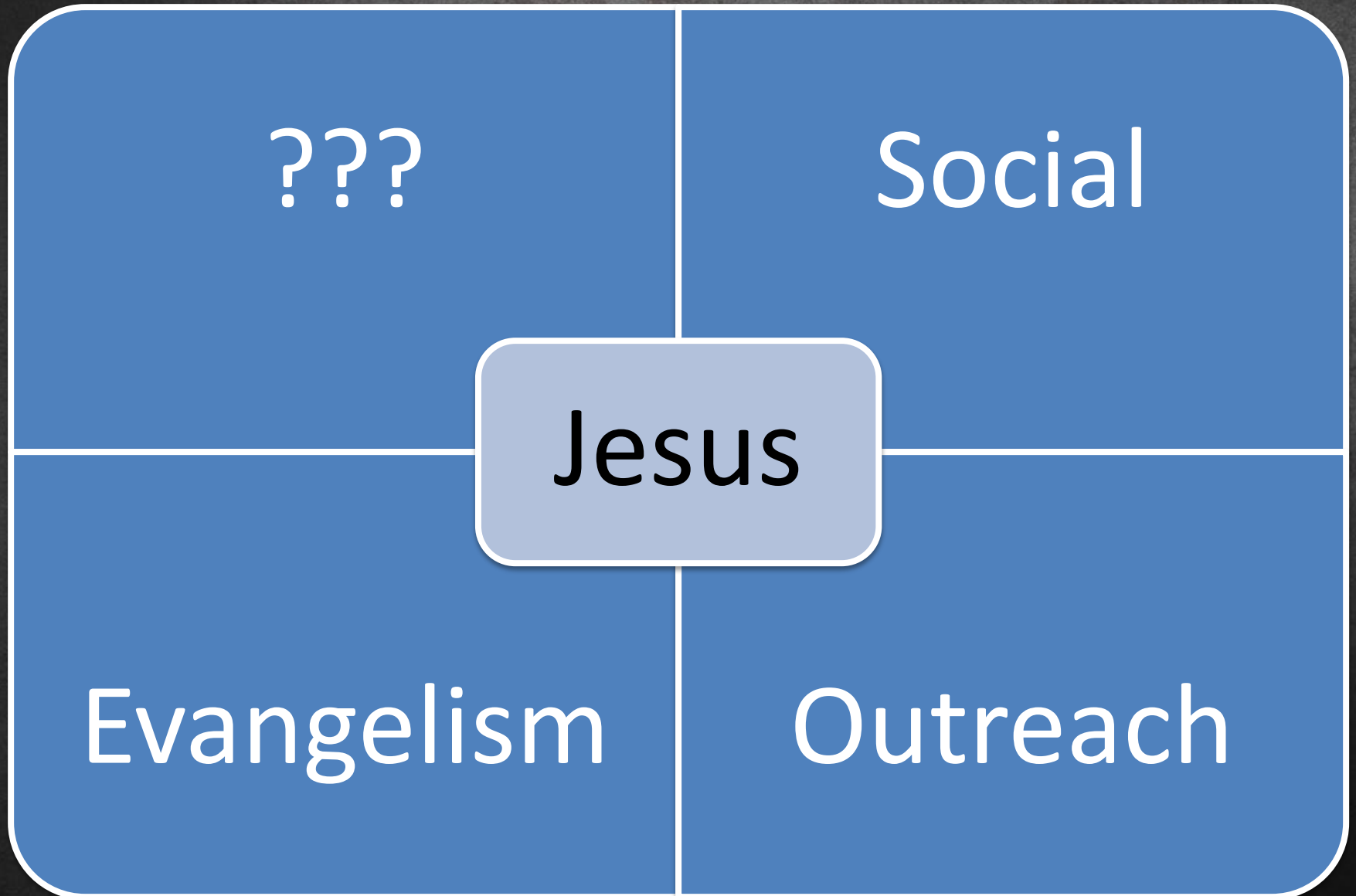
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Outreach

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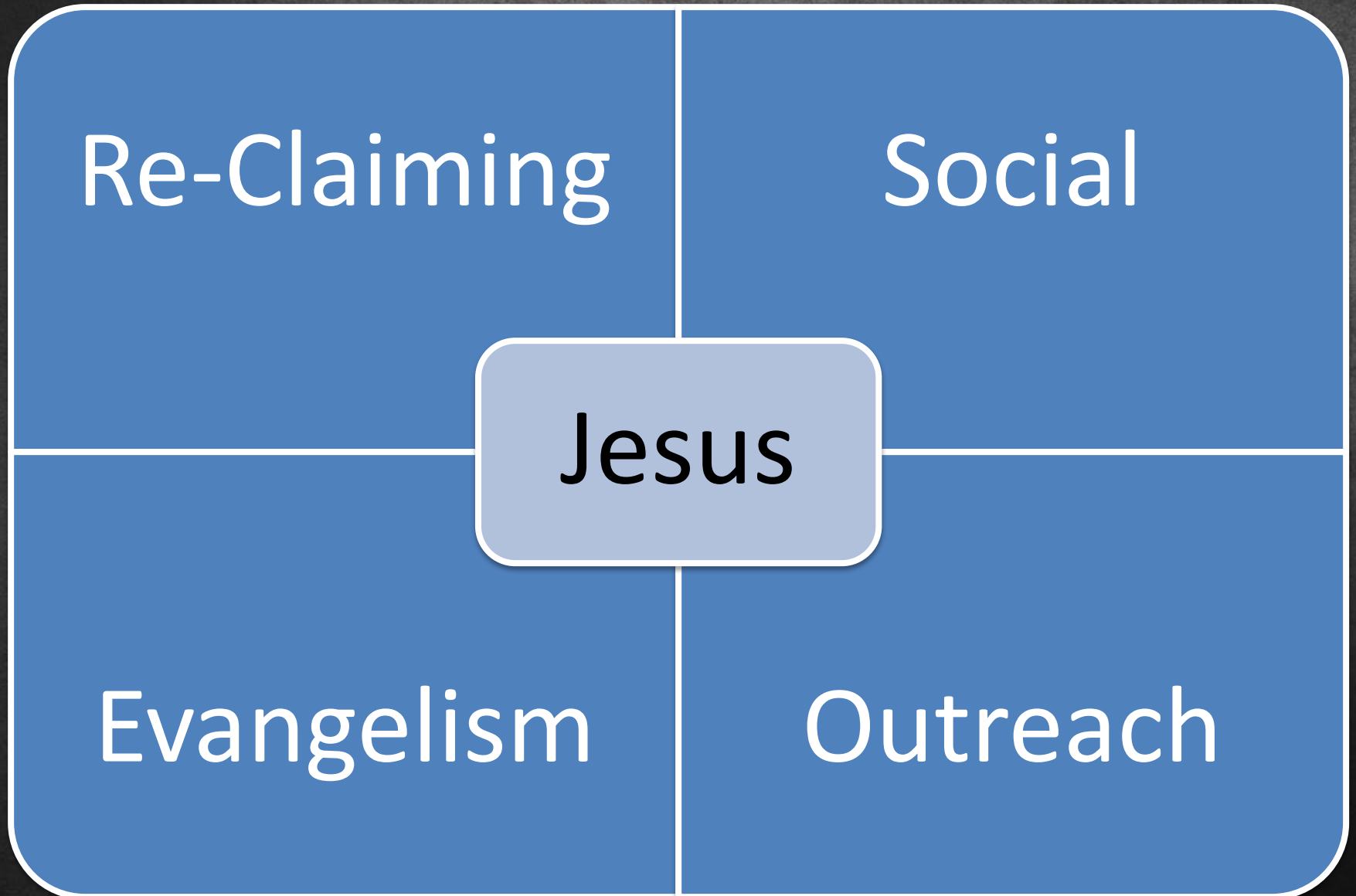
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Jesus reclaimed his lost sheep.

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Reclaiming ministry is an activity of reconnecting former church members back to their local church

A Closer look at the “lost sheep”

- 1 in 7 baptized as result of public evangelism
- 3x more likely to be divorce or remarried

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5. They will not share and open up until they trust

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“backsliders are the very finest prospects you can find.”

(Seeking His Lost Sheep – How to reclaim former and missing church members) p.10

There are three types of visitation:

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