

Who is
Jesus

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What do you say about Jesus?

There are many views

People have many different views about who Jesus Christ is. They range from being a mad person, a good man, a prophet, one of the greatest in history or a miracle worker. But who is He and what is the testimony of Him from people who lived at the time that He walked on the earth?

Who do you say Jesus is?

Even in Jesus' day there was much confusion. He asked His disciples one day, ***"Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"*** They replied with all sorts of answers suggesting that he was a prophet from a long time ago who came back to life. But then He asked them directly, ***"But who do you say that I am?"***

Knowing who Jesus is changes you!

At this point, the apostle named Peter got a revelation. Jesus said that this sort of revelation is not taught by men but it comes from heaven, from God. It suddenly dawned on him and became clear who Jesus was, ***"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!"*** He saw Jesus for who He was and this changed him forever – in fact Jesus changed his name from Simon to "Peter", which means a "stone". Now there was something solid in his life. He knew who Jesus was!

There are eyewitness accounts of Jesus that tell us about His life on earth

In the Bible there are four books called "gospels" that give accounts of Jesus' life, ministry, death and

being raised from the dead. Two of these books, Matthew's account and John's, are primary resources. This means they were actually there with Jesus. They were a part of Jesus' closest company. Mark and

Luke, while themselves not being in Jesus' company were in company with those who were with Jesus and they simply delivered what they had been told and taught by the early apostles.

This booklet takes you through key verses in the Bible helping you understand who Jesus is and what testimony was given of Him by men who were close to Him.

Understanding Jesus is the most important thing for every person

Understanding "who Jesus is" is of prime importance to every individual on the face of the earth. The future and destiny of your soul depends upon who you believe Jesus to be. He was no ordinary man! As you come to know who He is and what He did, like the apostle Peter, your life will be radically changed!

The apostle John wrote down what John the Baptist had to say of Jesus,

"He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. He who has

received His testimony has certified that God is true.” John3:31-33

Jesus came from heaven to testify of what He had seen and heard of God! If you receive Jesus' testimony you are agreeing that God is true!

Who is Jesus?

His Life and Ministry

JESUS WAS A FLESH AND BLOOD MAN WHO HAD A MOTHER

Jesus was born of a Woman

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with Child of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 1:18

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, **born of a woman.**” *Galatians 4:4*

This Man did not have an earthly father. He was not conceived the natural way.

“...an angel of the Lord appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream, saying, “...that which is conceived [begotten] in her is of the Holy Spirit.” *Matthew 1:20*

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD!

He is called the Son of God because God's Spirit conceived Him in Mary's womb. God became a man, born as a baby.

“And the angel answered and said, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.’” *Luke 1:35*

SON OF GOD MEANS THAT JESUS IS GOD IN THE FLESH!

“And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness; God was manifested in the flesh.” *1Timothy 3:16*

JESUS IS GOD SAVING US!

The name JESUS was chosen for Him because it reveals who He is – One who will save us from our sins.

“And she (Mary) will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” *Matthew 1:21*

Jesus is the name of God and it is only in this name that you can be saved from sin and punishment!

The name “Jesus” means He is the Saviour – that He is “God's Salvation” to us. When you call out the name of Jesus, you call out to God who saves you!

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” *Acts 4:12*

JESUS IS GOD WITH US!

Jesus fulfilled things written hundreds of years before He came that told us that He would be “God with us”.

“So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with Child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel.’ Which is translated ‘God with us.’ *Matthew 1:22-23*

JESUS IS A KING!

Wise men came from far away to find Jesus. They had seen a star in the sky which they knew was a sign that a great king had been born. Even creation was pointing to the awesome event of this great King coming into the world.

“Where is He who is born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”
Matthew 2:2

When looking for this king they consulted the leaders of the Jews and they told them what men of old had written as to where he would be born.

“In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will Shepherd My people Israel.’”

Matthew 2:5-6

As a Child Jesus was worshiped by these men when they found Him! This is so significant

because we are to worship God only, never a man.

“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him.” *Matthew 2:11*

Even later Jesus told the devil when He was being tempted that you should only worship God. Jesus was worshiped because He is God.

“Then Jesus said, ‘Away with you Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” *Matthew 4:10*

A king at the time of Jesus’ early childhood, named Herod, wanted to kill Him because he was scared of losing power. But God protected Jesus by giving Joseph (Jesus’ step father) a dream.

“...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying, ‘Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.’” *Matthew 2:13*

Jesus grew up in a family in a place called Nazareth which is still here to this day.

“And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth...”
Matthew 2:23

JESUS GREW AS A BOY IN A FAMILY!

Jesus as a child grew strong in character and spirit.

“And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:40

**AT 12 YEARS OF AGE A CHANGE
HAPPENED! JESUS REACHED A NEW
STAGE OF GROWTH WHERE HE WANTED
TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT HIS
FATHER, GOD!**

At 12 years of age Jesus went to the temple (the place where the Jews worshiped God) and began asking many questions and answering many questions about God.

“And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.” *Luke 2:47*

While Jesus was there His mother and step father went home without realising that Jesus was not with them. When they realised He was not with them they became very worried. They found Him in the temple and anxiously asked Him what He was doing. They did not quite understand who He was and He responded...

“Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. *Luke 2:49-50*

After this Jesus grew as a young Man and was submitted to Joseph and His mother.

“...and was subject to them...And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.”
Luke 2:51-52

He also had half brothers and sisters and worked as a carpenter.

“Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” *Mark 6:3*

HOWEVER, JESUS WAS NO ORDINARY MAN!

At 30 years of age He came for baptism at the River Jordan and heaven opened to Him while He was on the earth!

This meant that, as a Man, He had come to a mature age where the fullness of God’s Spirit could be released in Him! Now He was ready to walk in the full responsibility as the Son of God, able to represent His Father in maturity.

Now, if you saw Jesus, you saw God in His fullness. That is why He was declared to be the SON OF GOD!

“When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” *Matthew 3:16-17*

His first task was to defeat the devil’s temptations in the earth as a man.

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”

Matthew 4:1

**JESUS NEVER SINNED! HE FULLY
CONQUERED THE DEVIL’S TEMPTATIONS
SHOWING US THAT WE ALSO CAN HAVE
VICTORY WITH GOD’S HELP!**

In the beginning Adam and Eve failed to defeat the devil’s temptation but now there was a man who conquered all that the devil threw at Him! He did not sin against God!

1. He was tempted with food after not eating for 40 days – His response, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” *Matthew 4:4*
2. He was tempted to test God in a prideful way – His response, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” *Matthew 4:7*
3. He was tempted with being given all the power in the world if He would worship Satan – His response, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” *Matthew 4:10*

“Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.” *Matthew 4:11*

Jesus can relate to us in our weakness and temptations because He has gone through all that we go through and yet never fell away from doing things God’s way.

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathise with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” *Hebrews 4:15*

**AFTER THE VICTORY HE CAME OUT WITH
GREAT POWER TO HELP OTHERS –
INCLUDING YOU!**

**He came out of the wilderness in the POWER of
the SPIRIT!**

“Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit...”

Luke 4:14

**He was anointed with God’s Spirit to help people
be free from guilt, sin, the devil and sickness.**

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” *Luke 4:18-19*

He taught with authority.

“And they were astonished at His teaching, for His Word was with authority.” *Luke 4:32*

He had authority to forgive sins.

“When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven you.’” *Mark 2:5*

**He commanded evil spirits to leave people who
were being tormented by them.**

“For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.” *Luke 4:36*

He healed many people of all kinds of diseases.

“...and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.” *Matthew 4:23*

He had authority over death.

“...He cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come forth!’ And he who had died came out...” *John 11:43-44*

- Jesus was a Man born of a woman**
- He was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
which is why He is called the Son of God**
- The Son of God means He is God in the
flesh**
- He fulfilled things written of Him
hundreds of years after they were
written**
- He is God saving us**
- He is God with us**
- He is a King**

- Heaven opened to Him on the earth and He was declared openly as the Son of God, the fullness of God living in a man!
- He had victory over the devil and complete authority in the earth over sin, sickness, evil spirits and death!

This is Jesus in His life!

Who is Jesus?

His Death

GOD WAS WITH JESUS!

Jesus only ever did good to people.

“...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” *Acts 10:38*

He came to serve men and help them.

“For even the Son of Man [Jesus] did not come to be served but to serve...” *Mark 10:45*

He did many wonderful things for people.

For three and a half years Jesus as a Man served men powerfully, healing diseases, casting out evil spirits,

raising dead people to life, walking on water, feeding thousands with a few loaves of bread, making people free and teaching men about the kingdom of God.

These things were a proof that He was God's Son because He only did what God, His Father, would do.

Jesus said, "Most assuredly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

John 5:19

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR US THROUGH JESUS!

God's plan was to put the blame for the sin of the world on Jesus, His Son. Jesus came in to the world to die, to take the punishment for our sins

upon Himself. Jesus had to die in order to save us from being judged in our sin.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes on Him will not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

"...John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'"

John 1:29

"...He was delivered up for our offenses [sins, faults]..."

Romans 4:25

It was God's plan for Jesus to die at the hands of evil men.

“Him [Jesus], being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified and put to death.” *Acts 2:23*

Jesus had told His disciples during His time of ministry that He must be killed and suffer many things.

“The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.” *Luke 9:22*

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” *Luke 18:31-33*

JESUS WAS BETRAYED!

Jesus had spent three years with His disciples, teaching, training and being a father to them but

then He was betrayed by one of the twelve men who were closest to Him.

“Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me...He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me...Then Judas...said, ‘Is it I?’ He said to him, ‘You have said it.’” *Matthew 26:21-25*

His disciples deserted Him and left Him to suffer alone. This was written in the Scriptures long before it happened. But He left them with hope that He would not remain dead!

“All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” *Matthew 26:31-32*

Even Peter, one of the closest three men to Jesus, was told by Jesus that he would deny Him three times on this same night.

“Peter answered and said to Him, ‘Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.’ Jesus said to Him, ‘Assuredly I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’”
Matthew 26:33-34

This was fulfilled later that night and when Peter realised what he had done he wept bitterly.

When asked if he knew Jesus, Peter responded:

1. ‘Woman, I do not know Him.’” *Luke 22:57*
2. “And after a little while another saw him and said, ‘You also are of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’” *Luke 22:58*
3. “Then after about an hour had passed another confidently affirmed, saying, ‘Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are saying!’

Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.” *Luke 22:59-60*

“And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ So Peter went out and wept bitterly.”

Luke 22:61-62

**JESUS CHOSE TO DIE TO FOLLOW GOD'S
PLAN. HE DID NOT HAVE TO, HE DID IT
FOR YOU!**

Jesus was troubled about fulfilling God's purpose in dying for the world, but He chose to anyway. God responded to His prayer with a voice from heaven saying that God would be glorified [revealed] by His death!

“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name. Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and I will glorify it again.” *John 12:27-28*

On the night before Jesus was killed He prayed and surrendered Himself to go through with God's plan. There was no other way to save mankind!

“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours be done.” *Luke 22:42*

God, as a man, humbled Himself to die on the Cross! He did not have to die, He chose to.

“And being found in appearance as a Man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the Cross.” *Philippians 2:8*

**WHEN IT CAME TIME TO ARREST JESUS
THEY NEEDED A SIGN TO TELL HIM
APART FROM HIS DISCIPLES. HE WAS**

NOT SOMEONE SPECIAL TO LOOK AT! HE WAS A NORMAL LOOKING MAN!

He did not wear king's clothes nor was He physically outstanding by the world's standard.

“He has no stately form or splendour; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.”

Isaiah 53:2-3

Jesus was betrayed by a kiss because they could not tell Him apart from the rest of the disciples. It was a sign to those who were to arrest Him.

“Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.’”

Matthew 26:48

JESUS WAS ARRESTED

He was arrested by many men with clubs and swords. One of His disciples tried to defend Him, cutting off the ear of one of the men.

“And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people...And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.” *Matthew 26:47, 51*

Jesus healed the man whose ear was cut off! He was not afraid for His life but even thought of helping His enemies! And Jesus rebuked His disciple for doing it.

“And He touched his ear and healed him.” *Luke 22:51*

“But Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.’”

Matthew 26:52

Jesus then explained that He could call on many angels to help if He wanted but that the most important thing was to continue in God’s plan.

“Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then can the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?” *Matthew 26:53-54*

The disciples left Him

“Then all His disciples forsook Him and fled.”

Matthew 26:56

JESUS WAS FALSELY ACCUSED

The leaders of the people looked for reasons to kill Him.

“Now the chief priests, the elders and the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death...”

Matthew 26:59

He was brought before the High Priest (the major religious figure of the day) and false witnesses spoke against Jesus. Jesus remained silent and would not answer their interrogations.

“But at last two false witnesses came forward and said, ‘This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” And the high priest arose and said to Him, ‘Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?’ But Jesus remained silent.” *Matthew 26:60-63*

JESUS TESTIFIED TO BE THE CHRIST [KING] THE SON OF GOD [GOD IN THE FLESH] TO THE JEWISH HIGH PRIEST

Jesus told the High Priest that later he would see that Jesus is seated on the Throne of God. That is what it means to be “at the right hand of the Power”.

“And the high priest answered and said to Him, ‘I put You under oath by the Living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.’” *Matthew 26:63*

He was accused of blasphemy, beaten by the Jewish officials and they were enraged against Him.

“He has spoken blasphemy! What do you think?” They answered and said, ‘He is deserving of death.’ Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands...” *Matthew 26:65-67*

JESUS WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE ROMAN AUTHORITIES

Jesus spoke to a Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, telling him that He is a king.

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not of this world... You say rightly that I am a king.’” *John 18:36-37*

It was a custom at the time to release a prisoner at the time of the Jewish Feast of Passover.

Pilate asked the crowd of Jews what prisoner they wanted to be released.

“But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” *John 18:39*

A notorious prisoner, who was also a murderer and a robber, was chosen by the crowd to be released.

“Then they all cried again, saying, ‘Not this Man, but Barabbas!’ Now Barabbas was a robber.” *John 18:40*

“But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of Life...” *Acts 3:14-15*

Pilate scourged Him and the Roman soldiers mocked Him and beat Him also.

“So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put Him in a purple robe. Then they said, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ And they struck Him with their hands.” *John 19:1-3*

Pilate found no fault in Jesus but the Jews cried out to “Crucify Him!”

“Therefore when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, ‘Crucify Him, crucify Him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in this Man.’” *John 19:5-6*

The Jews told Pilate that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. This made Pilate very afraid. He then questioned Jesus more but Jesus remained silent.

“The Jews answered him, ‘We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.’ Therefore when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and...said to Jesus, ‘Where are You from?’ But Jesus gave him no answer.” *John 19:7-8*

Pilate tried to show his authority but Jesus revealed that all authority is under God’s authority.

“Then Pilate said to Him, ‘Are You not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?’ Jesus answered, ‘You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above...’ *John 19:10-11*

JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED

Finally Pilate was persuaded by the Jews to crucify Jesus even though he had found nothing wrong in Him.

“Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.” *John 19:16*

Jesus carried His Cross [the execution stake] to the place called “Golgotha” and there He was crucified.

“And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull...Then they crucified Him.” *Matthew 27:33, 35*

His crime was written above His head on the Cross.

“And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.” *Matthew 27:37*

He was crucified between two criminals and He prayed for the forgiveness of those who persecuted and abused Him. He loved to the end!

“And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.’” *Luke 23:33-34*

JESUS CRIED OUT

Because Jesus had the weight of the sin of the world on Him, God left Him to die, to bear the punishment on our behalf.

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
Matthew 27:46

Jesus became sin on our behalf so that God could reconcile the world to Himself. God makes peace with us through the blood shed by Jesus on the Cross.

“...God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them...For He made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him [Jesus].”
2Corinthians 5:19, 21

“For it pleased the Father that in Him [Jesus] all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself...through the blood of His Cross.”

Colossians 1:19-20

IT IS FINISHED!

The work Jesus came to do was finished!

“So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’” *John 19:30*

JESUS DIED

“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His Spirit.” *Matthew 27:50*

“And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, ‘Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit.’ Having said this, He breathed His last.” *Luke 23:46*

He died for our sins.

“...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.”
1Corinthians 15:3

Isaiah foretold this 700 years before it happened.

“He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Surely He has borne our griefs (pains) and carried our sorrows (sicknesses); Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way; and the LORD (the Eternal

God) has laid on Him the iniquity of us all...When You make His soul and offering for sin..." *Isaiah 53:3-6, 10*

Jesus suffered and died out of love for you!

The only way to save you and I from eternal punishment for our sins was for God to become a man and bear the punishment that we deserve!

Through Jesus' death on the Cross we can be reconciled to God in a real relationship with Him!

There is now no problem between you and God if you believe in what Jesus did for you!

- **God was with Jesus**
- **God's plan was to have Jesus die at the hands of evil men**
- **He had no special outward appearance**
- **He was betrayed and denied by those closest to Him**

- **He did not have to die but chose to**
- **He testified before Jews and Romans**
- **He was falsely accused**
- **He was beaten, abused and crucified**
- **He cried out**
- **He died**
- **He was punished for our sins**
- **His soul was an offering to bring us
peace with God**

This is Jesus in His death!

Who is Jesus?

The Resurrection

**JESUS, AS A MAN, LITERALLY DIED AND
WAS BURIED!**

**Jesus was laid in a tomb by a rich man who
believed in Jesus.**

“Now when evening had come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus...when Joseph had taken the body (of Jesus), he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb...”

Matthew 27:57-60

This was foretold by Isaiah the Prophet also.

“And they made His grave with the wicked – But with the rich at his death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.” *Isaiah 53:9*

THOSE WHO AGREED TO HIM DYING FEARED HIM RISING FROM THE DEAD!

The religious leaders feared what Jesus has said about rising from the dead.

“On the next day which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, ‘Sir, remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’”

Matthew 27:62-63

They pleaded for guards to be stationed at the tomb to make sure no one stole the Body of Jesus. Pilate told them to do all they could to secure it.

“Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ Pilate said, ‘...make it as secure as you know how.’”

So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.” *Matthew 27:64-66*

Jesus as a Man was in the tomb for three days and three nights as was foretold through the example of Jonah’s life who lived hundreds of years before Jesus.

“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” *Matthew 12:40*

Two women came to see the tomb on the third day after His death.

“Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.” *Matthew 28:1*

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD JESUS!

The tomb stone was rolled away!

“And behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.” *Matthew 28:2*

JESUS IS RISEN!

The tomb was empty and angels spoke to the women who wanted to find Jesus’ Body.

“Then they went in and did not find the Body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, ‘Why do you

seek the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen! Luke 24:3-6

JESUS WAS SEEN BY EYEWITNESSES!

Mary Magdalene was the first to see Jesus alive from the dead.

“Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.” *Mark 16:9*

The disciples did not believe Mary.

“She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.” *Mark 16:10-11*

Jesus appeared to two others walking on the road.

“After that He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.” *Mark 16:12*

The disciples did not believe these two either!

“And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.” *Mark 16:13*

JESUS APPEARED TO THE DISCIPLES!

Jesus came into a room without using the door! They were really scared and thought He was a ghost.

“Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you.’ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.” *Luke 24:36-37*

JESUS WAS A REAL MAN, NOT A SPIRIT!

Jesus showed them the wounds on His Body and told them to touch Him to find out for themselves!

“And He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.’”

Luke 24:38-39

Jesus ate some food with them, showing them His Body was a real Body!

“But while they still did not believe for joy, and marvelled, He said to them, ‘Have you any food here?’ So they gave Him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took and ate in their presence.”

Luke 24:41-43

JESUS APPEARED TO MANY

Jesus rose from the dead and was seen by many people. On one occasion He was seen by up to 500 at once!

“...and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also (Paul)...” *1Corinthians 15:4-8*

**JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD TO
MAKE US JUST AS IF WE HAD NEVER
SINNED! TO GIVE US A NEW LIFE!**

He was raised for our justification [making us free of sin living a new life].

“He was delivered up because of our offenses, and He was raised because of our justification.” *Romans 4:25*

Through believing and being baptised in Jesus’ name we receive the same life and power that raised Jesus from the dead! We live by His life!

“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life!” *Romans 6:4*

**JESUS IS ALIVE TODAY!
WHERE IS HE NOW?**

Jesus sits at the right hand of God in heaven. This is the place of complete authority over all things in heaven and earth!

“So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.” *Mark 16:19*

“...according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places far above...” *Ephesians 1:19-21*

WHAT IS JESUS DOING NOW?

Jesus is ruling as king over all heaven and earth. This means that all presidents, prime ministers, kings, dictators and governments are ultimately accountable to Him. He is the king!

“...Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.”

Revelation 1:5

“...God...now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge

the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has appointed. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” ***Acts 17:30-31***

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’”

Matthew 28:18

Jesus is working with those who preach the good news of His life, death, burial and resurrection. He works with them by doing mighty deeds to confirm the truth of His Word.

“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen!” ***Mark 16:20***

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.” ***Matthew 28:19-20***

Jesus is sending His Spirit to live in all those who believe and obey Him. You can receive the

Holy Spirit and be filled with His life and power today!

“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” *Luke 24:49*

“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now...But you shall receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...” *Acts 1:4-5, 8*

“Him [Jesus] God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” *Acts 5:31-32*

Jesus is remaining in heaven until all things are restored and brought back into line with God’s original purpose.

“...that He [God] may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” *Acts 3:20-21*

Jesus is waiting until all His enemies are made a footstool for His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death itself. God will have a perfect people in the earth with no enemies left to destroy or hurt anymore.

“For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.”

1Corinthians 15:25-26

“But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.”

Hebrews 10:12-13

“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD [the Eternal God, Jesus] as the waters cover the sea.”

Isaiah 11:9

THE FINAL RESULT IS EVERY ONE KNOWING WHO IS IN CHARGE

“Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” *Philippians 2:9-11*

**God wants you to believe that He raised
Jesus from the dead!**

If you believe, you will be saved and you can receive the power of the Holy Spirit to live a new life!

This life is in the power of Jesus' resurrection!

It is being born of His Spirit!

- **Jesus died and was buried**
- **Death could not hold Him**
- **He is Risen from the dead**
- **He was seen by eyewitnesses**
- **He appeared to His disciples**

- **He rose in a real body – He was not just a spirit**
- **He appeared to many**
- **He is at the right hand of God**
- **He is ruling over heaven and earth**
- **He is working with those who preach the gospel**
- **He is sending His Spirit to live in those who believe and obey Him**
- **He is waiting until all His enemies are defeated**

**This is Jesus alive from
the dead!**

The Truth Revealed

Jesus was no ordinary man

Even though Jesus was a man, He was no ordinary man. He was **“the firstborn over all creation”** and **“the image of the invisible God”** Colossians 1:15. The apostle Paul said that this Jesus was **“the Lord from heaven.”** 1Corinthians 15:47.

Jesus is God in a man

There is a great mystery to be revealed in Jesus. The fact that He was conceived supernaturally by the Holy Spirit, lived a life of perfect relationship with God and was always obedient to God demonstrates to us that He was of a different nature to normal humans. Jesus is God in a Man!

“And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh.”
1Timothy3:16

The mystery is that God became a Man! This is what it means to call Jesus “the Son of God”. Jesus came to reveal who God is. So, understanding who Jesus is means understanding who God is!

If you see Jesus, you see God!

If you have seen Jesus for who He is, you have seen God! Jesus said to one of His disciples, Philip, **“Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father...”** John14:9

God became a man to take away sins

The apostle John also says that **“He [God] was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.”** 1John3:5 God became a Man in order to take

away our sins. He did this by offering Himself up as a sacrifice on the Cross. He decided to take our sin, rebellion, hurt hate, pain, guilt and shame upon Himself and bear the punishment we deserved. He died in our place.

“God demonstrated His love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

Jesus destroyed the power of death by rising from the dead!

But Jesus not only died, He rose from the dead, showing us His victory over death because He could not remain a dead man. Death only conquers those who sin for ***“the wages of sin is death” Romans 6:23***, but Jesus had no sin in Him. So, three days later He came back up and was seated at God’s right hand being in charge of everything. He has ***“abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” 2Timothy 1:10***

It is time to change the way you think about Jesus!

God now ***“commands all men everywhere to repent [change their minds], because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” Acts 17:30-31***

It is time to know the truth about who Jesus is and believe in Him

Many people have all kinds of thoughts on who Jesus is. The truth is that He is God in the flesh and that

Who is Jesus?

He is also the King who now reigns over all: He is seated at God's right hand. He truly came into the

world and was seen, heard and touched (**1John1:1**). John said that if you believe that Jesus is the Christ [King], the Son of God [God in the flesh] then you will have LIFE in His name.

If you want real life, you need Jesus!

Believe in Him!

Believe the testimony that He has given of God!

The result will be that LIFE will enter into you!

Where do I go from here?

Jesus wants to get into your life!

It is time to get a revelation of Jesus!

It is time to encounter Him in reality!

Jesus is reality, not a concept

Jesus is not a concept or a religion or a set of beliefs. Jesus is a real living Person who is alive today. Jesus is reality and He is God. When you come to Him you are not joining a system, organisation or a human institution – you are coming to God who made you and formed you and created you to be like Him (**Genesis 1:26-27**).

You cannot hide from God

It is no use trying to hide from God. He is real and whether you believe in Him or not He remains the same, He does not change. He sees you, knows you and loves you deeply and wants to get inside of you.

Real hope and satisfaction is in Jesus, the God of love and power

All people fill themselves with something. Some fill themselves with drugs, alcohol, movies, sex, false religions, occult, theories and philosophies. These things may satisfy your appetite for a while but their end is in destruction, break downs of relationships, hurt and loneliness. They come out of our selfishness and only wanting to please ourselves. They do not provide the hope that is in the gospel.

The hope of the gospel is that you can live a different life, a life lived by the same power that raised

Jesus from the dead. The reality of the gospel is that you can enter into a new life that will last forever. Love and power will be released into your life as you receive God who is love and power.

Saul, a man who hated Christians

Around the time just after Jesus rose from the dead there was a man named Saul who absolutely hated people who believed in Jesus. He was a religious man who thought that He knew who God was and he was bent on arresting and even killing people who were turning to Jesus in their hearts.

Saul was “suddenly” confronted with reality

When one day he had a “Suddenly” moment. This is a moment when something “suddenly” happens to change your whole destiny. He was on his way to arrest some people in a city who believed in Jesus when SUDDENLY, A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN HIT HIM! It knocked him to the ground and he was instantly confronted with the reality of God. He said, **“Who are you, Lord?”**

“I am Jesus”

The voice answered, **“I am Jesus.”** This man hated people who believed in Jesus. He did not believe that Jesus was God but then SUDDENLY he was confronted with reality – with truth. He knew this experience was from God because he said, **“Who are you, Lord?”**. He called Him, Lord, but he did not know who He was. He believed in God, but he still did not know who He was.

Saul a changed man

But now his whole world was changed. He was physically blinded by that event for three days but for the first time in his life he could see reality clearly –

He could see that Jesus is God!

As a result of that revelation he stopped looking to kill Christians, he got filled with the Spirit of God and was baptized in Jesus' name to wash away all his sins – to wash away his rebellion against God **(Acts 22:16)**. And not only that – God then used him to make Jesus known in the world. He became known as Paul and became an apostle of Jesus, being sent to many people to declare the reality of God.

Jesus got into him! Jesus wants to get into you!

Jesus is in charge, He offers forgiveness

The truth is that Jesus is King – He is in charge. You are not! He is bigger than you and created everything. He offers you forgiveness if you will receive Him but if you reject Him you are condemning yourself.

You need Jesus!

It is not the time to be playing around with your life. It is the time to get real with your life. **You need Jesus!** You need Him to save you from destroying yourself. You need Him to save you from being deceived into a life of luxury and comfort. Whether you are poor or rich, healthy or sick, you need a revelation of Jesus so you can see the reality of life.

It is time to receive a new life

It is the time for you to be born again; born from heaven by getting a revelation of Jesus. If you call on the name of the Lord Jesus you will be saved, God will forgive you for rebelling and not acknowledging Him. He will give you a new life and Jesus will come to live inside of you by His Spirit.

Begin by talking to God

Begin to talk to God and be honest with Him. You may find it difficult because you will realise that He is so good and in comparison you are so dirty inside. When you realise how good God is compared to you do not be afraid but ask Him to forgive you because that is why Jesus died – so God could forgive your mess and then begin to change you by giving you His Spirit.

Then obey His command to be baptised

Do not delay! After Saul had his encounter with Jesus and believed that He was God, he was then baptised into Jesus Christ. Saul was told, ***“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptised, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”*** (Acts22:16)

Baptism is going through what Jesus went through – death, burial and resurrection! We are to go down into the water to be united with Jesus in death and burial and to come up out of the water to be united with Jesus in resurrection life! It is choosing to die to our old life and rise into a new one! This will give you the power to walk a new life, a Jesus life!

Be like Jesus

Remember when Jesus was baptised that the heavens opened, the Spirit of God came down and remained on Him and a voice was heard declaring Him to be the Son of God. When you are baptised the same happens – because your sin is completely removed the heavens can be open over you as well. God promises to give you the gift His Holy Spirit who will give you power to live a new life and you will be able to hear His voice now to comfort and guide you in your life knowing you are His child!

**I pray that you may see the reality of
God in Jesus!**

**I pray that you will experience Him in
reality and be born again into a new
life of His resurrection!**

**I pray that you will experience the
joy of having your sins forgiven and
walking a new life with Jesus!**

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