

JESUS?

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“For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life”. John 3:16

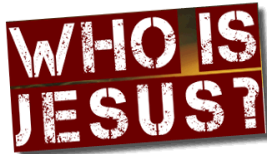
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WHO IS JESUS?

That was a question of a young man over a phone conversation a few days ago. I could sense that he was very sincere, and really wanted to know the answer. His curiosity came at a time when mega Hollywood productions such as “The Passion of Christ” had the attention of millions of people about the person of Jesus Christ.

Today, many would claim to have answers to his question, but I believe that to get a very accurate response we have to research the right sources. I will give you a simple example to make my point. Let’s say that I asked if you knew a very

important person named “Abraham”. What answer would you give me? I guess you could not say much because I did not give enough information about the man; we know there are hundreds of “Abrahams” all over the world. However, if I said that he was American born, we would eliminate all other nationalities. Then, if I told you that he was a politician, you could exclude all the other area of occupations such as sciences, sports, health, religions and so on. Then if I mentioned that he lived in the nineteenth century, you would now have much more information to define which Abraham I was talking about.

But not so quick! Re-

member that United States was a nation whose people had roots in the Judeo-Christian faith. Because of that, there were many politicians with this name. However, if I said that the person was the sixteenth president of USA, then you would have sufficient information to tell me that the man must be Abraham Lincoln. I know that when we mentioned his name a great number would have heard about him. But, to have all the information about him, we must go to the right sources available and just then would we be able to define with precision our knowledge about Abraham Lincoln. (I am Brazilian born, not an American, but I chose this ex-

ample because Lincoln is a well-known person).

In the same way, to answer my inquisitor, important and relevant information must be provided. The young man also asked which religion I was part of. His second question already helped me, since he said that the "Jesus" he was looking for was in religion (I have met quite a few people called "Jesus" among Brazilians and Spaniards). Also, I found that he was very wise to ask such a question for he understood that each religion had their own "Jesus". Actually one of the prophecies in the Holy Scriptures was that in the course of history many Jesus were going to ap-

pear on earth claiming their legitimacy, causing a real problem for people to get to know the right one (Matthew 24: 5-24). For example, some religions maintain that their Jesus was a teacher, others have their Jesus as a prophet who lived long ago, and still, others present their Jesus as a good man. There are others who claim to serve the Jesus of the Bible; however, even among them, there are discordances as well. Some say that their Jesus was an angel, calling him a "god" – with a small "g." Some say that their Jesus cannot hear human beings, and needs the help of others to intercede for them.

After saying that, in or-

der to get the answer that the young fellow was looking for I have to go to the Holy Scriptures, the only reliable source to tell us the true identity of the Jesus that he wants to know. Jesus' life, his claims and his deeds are all documented there. According to the Scriptures, He is the Son of God. He has the same power and attributes that God the Father has, making Him equal to God. He came to this planet through a divine conception. He was born of a virgin woman who gave birth miraculously by the Spirit of God. This made Him fully man and fully God. He was a perfect man! Not just physically perfect, but spiritually and morally perfect. He

never did any wrong as a human being. He never lied, He never hated anyone, He never hurt anyone, He never swore, He never did any evil. At the end of his days, no one could prove any wrong against Him. While He was wrongfully convicted before the earthly judges of his time, He remained fully innocent before the most powerful judge of the universe, His Father – God.

Because He never did any wrong, He was the only man of all mankind that could save others -- imperfect humans. He was the perfect substitute to pay for the wrongs we have done. According to the Scriptures, God the Father

made Him who had no sin to be sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21). When He was thirty-three years of age, He decided to surrender his own life as a sacrifice for us. And the reason was that all humankind was found guilty before God and destined to eternal condemnation.

The only way to get us out of the unending imprisonment, the suffering for sin and guilt was to find a perfect saviour. But where? Here on earth, there was no one who was good. There was no one that had never sinned, for all have sinned. That is why God became man. Thus, the pure would die for the impure. The innocent would die for the guilty.

Because of the love of the Father for us, He sent his Son. And because of the Love of Jesus for us, He offered to be the sacrifice. He was sentenced to die on a cross - a terrible punishment and death, in order to rescue us from eternal damnation. He was buried, but on the third day He came to life and ascended to heaven to his former glory with the Father.

Because Jesus was a perfect man, fully innocent, He could die for man. Because He was God, He could die for all humankind. Jesus' humanity and divinity means that He died for each and every human being - past, present and future. During his days on earth,

He said that He was the only way for the salvation of humankind. He did not say that a religious organization or any other way could save men.

He affirmed that He was the only one that was telling the truth concerning salvation. Every other person who claimed to have the truth was lying.

He said that He was the only one that could give eternal life when one dies. He said that anyone who believed on Him would never be left behind. He also made a promise that He was preparing a place for all those who would come and receive him and that He would return to take them to this place.

Now, having presented to the young fellow and to you as well, the true Jesus, you can know more about Him by reading the Scriptures and of course inviting Him to come into your life. As Jesus promised, He can save you and can give you peace, joy, love and salvation.

In the following pages, there is very important information from the Holy Scriptures that will help you to know more about Jesus.

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SOME SCRIPTURES FROM THE GOSPELS

• Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of

the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

⁶Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to them-



selves, ⁷“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these

things? ⁹Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?

¹⁰But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹²He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” (Mark 2: 1-12)

• Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they

took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey

him!” (Mark 3: 35-41)

• **Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight**

⁴⁶Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the road-



side begging. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more,

JESUS RAISE DEAD the

“Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. ⁵¹“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” ⁵²“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. (Mark 10: 46-52)

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• Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

¹⁸While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.”

¹⁹Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”

²²Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at

that moment.

²³When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they

JESUS HEALS

laughed at him. ²⁵After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶News of this spread through all that region. (Matthew 9: 18-26)

• Jesus Heals the Blind and the Mute

²⁷As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

²⁸When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

²⁹Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; ³⁰and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." ³¹But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

³²While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. ³³And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed

and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

³⁴But the Pharisees said, “It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons.”

(Matthew 9: 27-33)



THE POWER OF JESUS OVER DEMONIC SPIRITS

• Jesus Heals a Boy Possessed by an Impure Spirit

¹⁴When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they

were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

¹⁷A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸Whenever it

seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

¹⁹“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” ²⁰So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it imme-

diately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

²³"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

²⁴Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come

out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

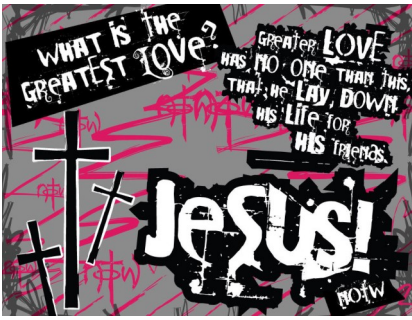
(Mark 9:14-26)



THE GLORY OF JESUS

• The Transfiguration

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all



alone. There he was transfigured before them.

³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a

voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

• John’s Vision of Christ

¹⁰On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

¹²I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and

among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.

¹⁸I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (Revelation 1: 10-17)

THE MISSION OF JESUS



²⁷"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and bur-

dened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11: 27-28)

¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19: 10)

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned al-

ready because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. (John 3: 16-18)

³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. ³⁶Whoever believes in the



Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them. (John 3: 35-36)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.



He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest

of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. (Luke 19:1-9)

THE LOVE OF JESUS

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on



them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9: 35-38)

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large

crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

(Matthew 14: 13-14)

³²Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.”

³³His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?”

³⁴“How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.”

³⁵He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. ³⁶Then he took the seven



loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. ³⁷They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ³⁸The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan. (Matthew 15: 32-39)

³⁷ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem,

you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁸Look, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

(Matthew 23: 37-39)



THE IDENTITY OF JESUS

- Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

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¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not re-

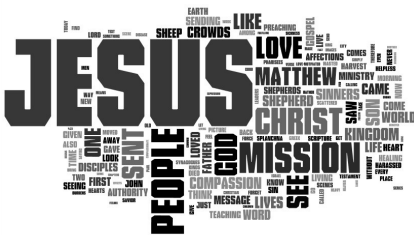
vealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

(Matthew 16: 13-17)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8: 12)

JESUS DIVINITY

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life,

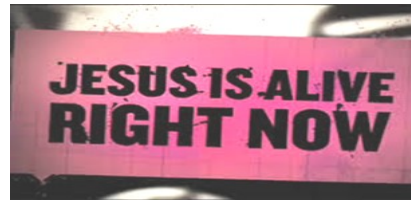


and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1: 1-5-14)

³⁰I and the Father are one." Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

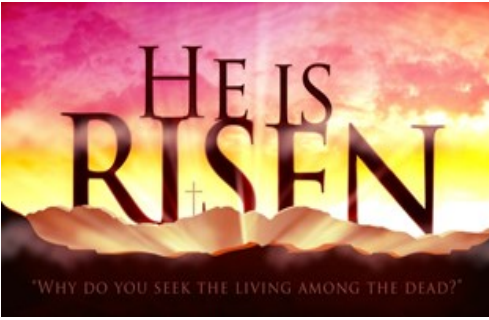
(John 10: 30)

¹⁷In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." ¹⁸For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sab-



bath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. (John 5: 17-18)

¹¹Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹²But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him. (Mark 3: 11)



Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus

came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out

your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

THE PROMISES OF JESUS

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

(John 1:12)



²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11: 25-6)

⁴⁶I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. (John 12:46)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^l believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place

for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” (John 14: 1-4)

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14: 27)

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two

others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

²²Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the

undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”



This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

“They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he

said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” ²⁷and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.
(John 19: 16-27)

THE DEATH OF CHRIST

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.³⁸ There was a written notice above him,

which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”



⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²Then he said, “Jesus,



remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

(Luke 23: 32-43)

²⁸Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he

bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

³²The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers



pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

³⁵The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

(John 19: 28-37)

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

• Jesus Appears to His Disciples

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down

from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and

is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

(Matthew 28: 1-10)

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. ²Very early on the first day of the



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week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has ris-

en! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” (Mark 16: 1-7)

²⁴ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the



ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸Then they remembered his words. (Luke 24: 1-8)

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, “Peace be with you!”

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20: 19-23)

JESUS’ SECOND COMING OF JESUS

³⁰“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in

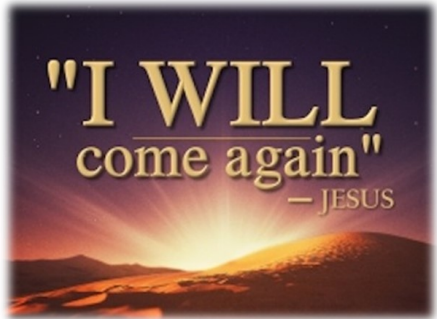
heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

(Matthew 24: 30-31)

²⁶“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. (Mark 13: 27)

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars.

On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see



the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

(Luke 21: 25-27)

³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they



said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

⁴Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All

these are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in

the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

15 “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— 16 then let those who are in

mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

22 “If those days had not



Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. 19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing

been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23 At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false

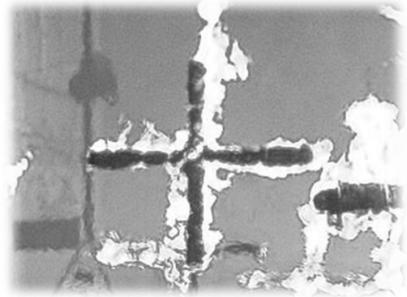
prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. (Matthew 24: 3-25)

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

5 Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things

must happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

9 “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand be-



fore governors and kings as witnesses to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. 11 Whenever you

are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

12 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. 13 Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.
(Mark 13: 3-13)



22 Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will

long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. 23 People will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. 24 For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

26 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 "It was the same in the days of Lot. People

were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. (Luke 17; 22-30)



SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO JESUS

- **What is the New Birth?**

Jesus answered and said

unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

Jesus made this statement to a man named Nicodemus who was a ruler of the Jews. Nicodemus had heard Jesus preaching about a new kind of kingdom, and he came to ask Jesus questions about it. Jesus told him that the way to enter this new kingdom was to be born again.

Nicodemus asked Him the same question you or I might ask: How can a man be born again? Can he enter into his mother's womb again? Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the new birth He

was talking about was not physical but spiritual. It was the beginning of a new life in a new kingdom.

Jesus answered, "Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,

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he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." (John 3:5-7)

When Jesus was talking to Nicodemus, He used an illustration Nicodemus could easily understand. A newborn baby entering its life was a perfect illustration of a person beginning a new life with God.

Jesus called it being born again—a new birth. He also called it being saved. These terms all mean the same thing. What we call this remarkable experience isn't as important as understanding that God made a way to bring us back to Him and give us new life!

"They that are whole need not a physician: but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

(Luke 5:31-32)

The way back to God is to acknowledge our need of a Savior and to accept what Jesus Christ did on our behalf. God saw us in our state of spiritual death, and through Jesus Christ provided a way back into relationship with Him.

God's love for us is not based upon our ability to come to Him on our own merits. It is based on our acceptance that Jesus Christ paid the price for our sins... and there is nothing more for us to do.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
(Romans 10:13)

Salvation has been freely offered to everyone. Any-

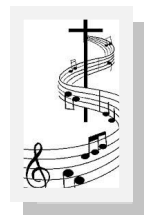
one who will acknowledge their need of a Savior and accept Jesus Christ as that Savior can be saved.

These three steps are essential to salvation:

1. REPENT: to repent means to turn around, to go in a new direction.

What do we need to turn from? We need to turn from our lifestyle of sin and separation from God. We need to turn from living our lives our own way and from being our own god.

What do we turn to? We turn to God who loves and cares for us. We turn to faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior.



2. BELIEVE: What is it that we must believe? We are told in the Bible we must believe that not only did Jesus shed His blood and die for us, but that he rose again from the dead and is alive today.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)

3. CONFESS: With the mouth confession is made unto salvation. What is it that we say? We must say what we

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believe—that Jesus is our Savior. We must say what the Bible says about us—that God is our Father and we have become His children.

But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. (John 1:12)

Throughout the ages mankind has sought eternal life, never understanding that we are already eternal beings, destined to live forever somewhere. To live forever in a state of separa-

tion from God is a frightening thought. You can make sure that you are right with God by turning to Him and praying this prayer:

"God, I am a sinner in need of a Savior. I REPENT, and I ask you to forgive me of all my sin.

"I BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is your Son, that He shed His blood so I might be forgiven, that He rose again from the dead, and He is coming back again.

"I CONFESS Him now as my Savior. I will live for you as you show me how. Amen."

By believing in Jesus Christ and receiving Him as your Savior, you will turn your life in a new direction. You can be at peace with God knowing you will live forever with Him.

When you received Christ as your Saviour, several things took place in your life.

**WHAT GOD
HAS DONE
FOR YOU**

**1. YOU BECAME A
CHILD OF GOD**

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power (or right) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12.

**2. YOUR SINS WERE
FORGIVEN.**

"To him give all the prophets witness, that

*through His name
whosoever believeth in
Him shall receive
remission (forgiveness) of
sins." Acts 10:43*

3. YOU PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24

4. YOU RECEIVED ETERNAL LIFE AS A GIFT

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Romans 6:23

5. YOU SHALL NOT COME INTO CONDEMNATION

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit."
Romans 8:1



Eternal life is a gift received from God by faith. You cannot buy it, you cannot earn it, neither can you work to keep it. It is all by grace.

"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." Ephesians 2:8-9

However, there are certain things God expects from you now.

**WHAT YOU
SHOULD DO
FOR HIM**

1.

**1. YOU SHOULD BE
SCRIPTURALLY
BAPTIZED.**

*"And He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord."
Acts 10:48*

*"...many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized."
Acts 18:8b*

"having been buried with him in baptism, in which

you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

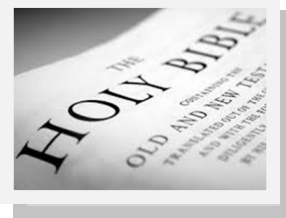
" Colossians 2:12

**2. YOU SHOULD READ
THE BIBLE**

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."

1 Peter 2:2

"Let the Word of Christ



dwell in you richly in all wisdom."

Colossians 3:16

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be

*ashamed, rightly dividing
the Word of truth."*

II Timothy 2:15

3. YOU SHOULD PRAY DAILY

*"Evening, and morning,
and at*

noon,

will I

pray,

*and cry aloud: and He
shall hear my voice."*

Psalms 55:17

*"Watch and pray, that ye
enter not into temptation:
the spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak."*

Matthew 26:41

*"Be careful for nothing;
but in everything by
prayer and
supplication with
thanksgiving let your
requests*

be made known unto God."

Philippians 4:6

4. YOU SHOULD CONFESS YOUR SINS

*"If we confess our sins, He
is faithful and just to*

forgive us our sins, and to

cleanse us from all

unrighteousness."

I John 1:9

5. YOU SHOULD TELL OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST.

*"Ye shall be witnesses unto
me both in*

Jerusalem, and in all

Judaea, and in Samaria

and unto the uttermost

part of the earth." Acts 1:8

7. YOU SHOULD ATTEND A BIBLE BELIEVING CHURCH REGULARLY

*"Not forsaking the
assembling of ourselves
together, as the manner of*



8. YOU SHOULD WORK FOR THE LORD

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58.

9. YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR THE SOON RETURN OF THE LORD

"For the Lord himself

shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

I Thessalonians 4:16-17.

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatian 2: 20

JESUS

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Today, many would claim to have answers to this question, but I believe that to get a very accurate response we have to research the right sources.