

A Man Without Equal *Who is Jesus?*

He is unique in his life *changing* messages. His coming was **predicted** (prophesied) hundreds of years *before* He was born. He is the only One in the world who actually predicted His *own* death and the reason *why*. He is unique in the *supernatural* **miracles** that He performed, including His own Resurrection:

Luke 7:22 .Go and tell the things you have seen and heard: that the **blind see**, the **lame walk**, the lepers are cleansed, the **deaf hear**, the **dead are raised**, the **poor** have the **Good News** preached to them.

The **Good News** is this: We are put right with God *not by what we can do* (no matter how much we try, we are still imperfect); but by *what Christ has done for us on the cross*.

What the Bible said of Him:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word** (Jesus) was **God**.

Romans 9:5 ... according to the (*human*) flesh, Christ came, who is **over all**, the eternally **blessed God**. Amen.

Titus 2:13 ... looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great **God** and **Savior** Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1 ... to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our **God** and **Savior** Jesus Christ:

John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and **my God!**"

What He claims to be:

John 8:58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, **I am!**"

John 10:30-33 Jesus said, "I and the **Father** are **one**." Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, **claim** to be **God**."

Many people are ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher. This is *not* a *possible choice*. A man who said the sort of things Jesus claims and promises is either a **liar** or a **lunatic** or is really what He claims to be - **God!**

Someone who lived as Jesus lived, taught and died as Jesus died, can such a person be a lunatic? It would take **more** than a Jesus to **invent** a Jesus!

God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
This is possible because:

1. Jesus died on the cross for your sins!

It is this Good News that saves you, that Christ **died for our sins** as the Bible says He would, that He was buried and three days afterward He rose from the grave.

2. He died for your sicknesses

It is by His wounds that you have been **healed**.

3. Jesus died for your poverty

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became **poor**, so that through His poverty, you might become **rich**.

4. He died to give you peace

In Me you have **peace**. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world. My own peace I give you. Do not be worried and upset. Do not be afraid.

5. He died to make you friends with God

Abraham believed God and because of his faith, God accepted him as righteous. And he was called God's **friend**. *St. James*

The full weight of the wrath of God against sin was poured on Jesus at the cross. But how can one person die for all the people of the world? The superlative value of the one life, being God Himself, is more than enough to pay the full penalty of all our sins. His resurrection shows that all the penalty have indeed been paid. Hell had no right to hold him. He was raised for our justification.

Jesus Himself said:

Listen! I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and eat with him, and he will eat with Me. *Jesus*

You say this prayer in your heart:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for forgiving all my sins. Help me to know You more each day. Amen.