

## Everyone Will Meet Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is a real person! “Jesus” comes from a Hebrew word meaning “Jehovah the Saviour” and in Greek it is Jesus. “Christ” means anointed, the Messiah. We have then in Jesus Christ Jehovah the Saviour, the anointed Messiah.

The Bible, God’s Word, tells us that Jesus Christ came into this world with the specific purpose to “save his people from their sins.” {Matthew 1:21} The people spoken of were, properly, Jews. Speaking to a man named Zacchaeus Jesus said, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” {Luke 19:10} The Bible clearly tells us who Jesus Christ is, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” {Matthew 16:16} It was this same Christ who took to Himself a body of flesh and, with His body of flesh, “Christ died for the ungodly.” {Romans 5:6} “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” {Romans 5:8} God looked down through the annals of time and knew that humanity would need a Saviour and, it was determined that God the Son, Jesus Christ, would be the one who would pay our sin debt. This He did with His innocent shed blood on the Cross of Calvary. “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world” {1 Peter 1:18-20} The motivation for this benevolent act by Jesus Christ originated in the heart of God the Father. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” {John 3:16} “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” {Romans 5:8} Even though Jesus physically died on the Cross, three days later He bodily rose from the grave and is at this very moment back in Heaven with God the Father. “But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;” {Hebrews 10:12} God did all of this for sinful humanity because of His great love and, because “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” {2 Peter 3:9} In other words, God does not want to see anyone go to hell.

Sadly, so many people of the world hate Jesus Christ; they hate Him so much that His name is not even permitted to be used in many places except when being used for cursing. The Christian faith is hated so much that Christians are murdered, church buildings are burned, and the Christian faith itself is made to be illegal. God’s Word, the Bible, is constantly being attacked, religious leaders try to rewrite it, and liberals try to declare portions of it as hate speech because they reject and dislike what God has said. Still, God loves these very people, and it was for them that Jesus died on the Cross of calvary.

Friend, it does not matter who you are, what you believe, or what you may have done; God still loves you and He wants to forgive and save you. If you will repent and receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, then and only then will you have the assurance that when your physical body dies, your eternal soul, the real you, will be with Jesus Christ in Heaven. **HOWEVER**, if you do not repent and trust Him as Saviour, then you can be assured of eternity in hell. This is a Bible fact and no mortal being can or will change that.

Everyone, **ALL** human beings will see Jesus Christ face-to-face. For those who know Him as Saviour, we will see Him in Heaven and “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” {2 Corinthians 5:10} This will have to do with how we lived our life after trusting Jesus Christ as Saviour. Sadly though, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” {John 3:36} These people will see Jesus Christ as judge at the great white throne judgment. “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death

and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” {Revelation 20:11-15} “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” {Romans 14:12}

People from all walks of life will scoff at this as they reject it, but they cannot and will not be able to change what God has said in His word. “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” {Psalm 119:89} God has said it and that settles it; people just need to believe it. Friend, for the sake of your eternal soul, I plead with you to repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour. {For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” {1 John 5:13}

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