

# Salvation Through JESUS CHRIST

With sin in this world, every man and woman falls short of God's standard (Rom 3:23) and therefore is in quite a predicament. The truth is not a single person is good enough to enter the Kingdom of God on his or her own. This is why we need salvation. Salvation is, by definition, a source or means of being saved from harm, ruin, or loss. Thankfully our loving God made a way to have a relationship with Him and not experience the consequences of our sins through Jesus.

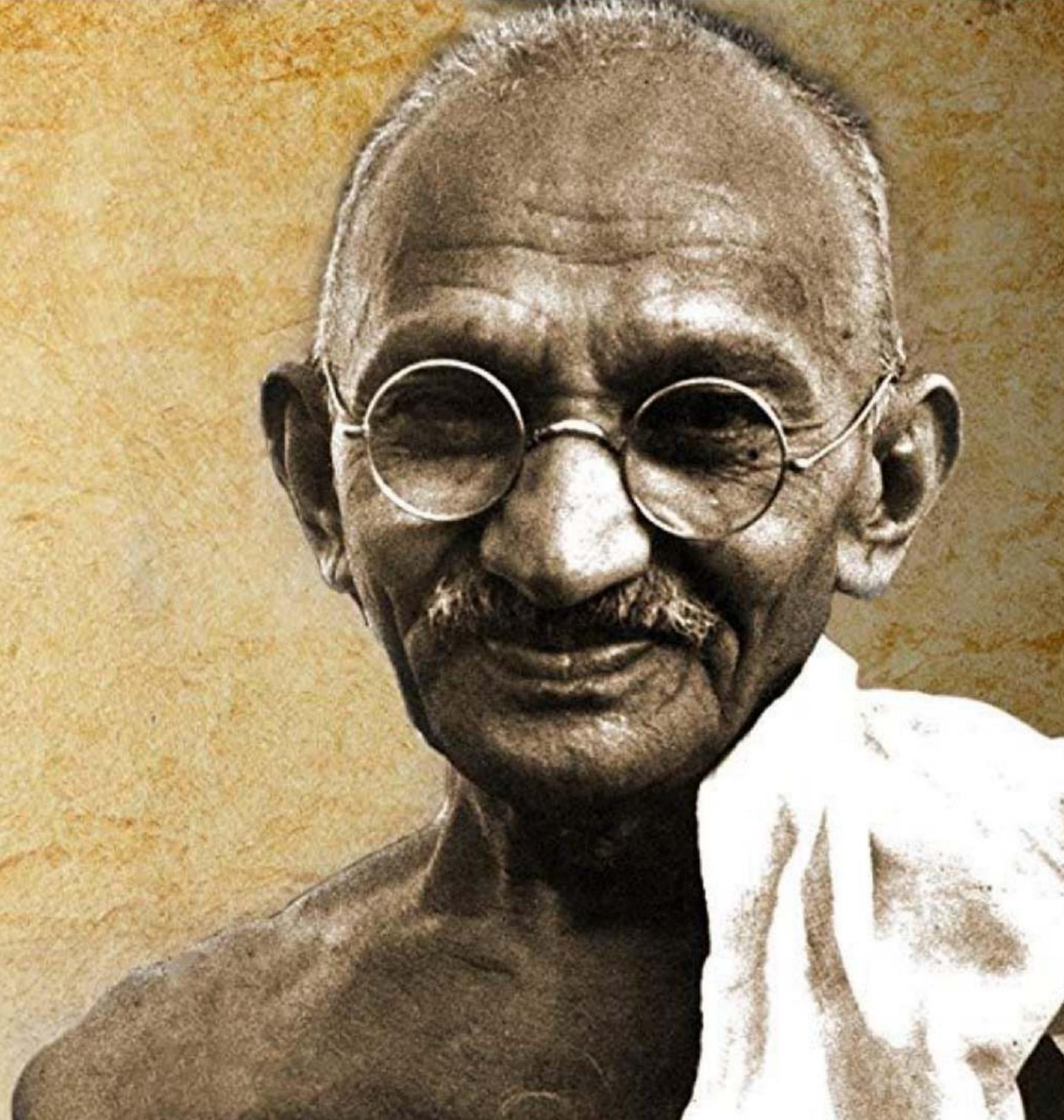


## What it truly means to be “born again”

In John 3, Jesus equates salvation to being "born again". The concept of redemption for sin through salvation was new. In the Old Covenant, the only way to make up for sins was through obeying laws and consistent physical sacrifice. Jesus died as a final sacrifice and ushered in a New Covenant where a confession of faith and believing in Him was all that you would ever need to be forgiven of your sins. It is now by God's grace, not by our works, that we can be saved. (Eph 2:8-9) The decision to follow Jesus makes you a new creation with access to God, to have complete forgiveness of sins and understand that if you are just willing to believe, nothing shall be impossible for you.

**"IF IT WEREN'T FOR  
CHRISTIANS, I'D BE A  
CHRISTIAN"**

**-MAHATMA GHANDI**



# ***Can Jesus Be The Only Way?***



## John 14:6

“Jesus \*said to him, “I am the way,  
and the truth, and the life; no one  
comes to the Father but through  
Me.”

# FOUR THINGS TO PONDER ABOUT JESUS



## GOD SPEAKS BACK

The definition of a relationship is two people that communicate with each other. Jesus is the ONLY God that has a relationship with His followers.



## NO OTHER GOD DIED FOR YOU

No other God from any other religion died to serve you.



## JESUS POINTED TO REAL LIFE EVENTS

Jesus was alive during real events that are historically documented.



## JESUS PREDICTED THE FUTURE WITH 100% ACCURACY

The living person, Jesus, was able to predict future events that had taken place after His death with 100% accuracy. How would He know that?



A stylized illustration of a hand holding a glowing orb, with a mountain range in the background. The text "WHAT HISTORY SAYS" is overlaid in white.

**WHAT HISTORY SAYS**

Historian

# FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS



About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Christ. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.

Flavius Josephus: Antiquities of the Jews, Book 18, Chapter 3,3 (66 A.D)



Roman Senator and Historian

# CORNELIUS TACITUS



But all human efforts, all the lavish gifts of the emperor, and the propitiations of the gods, did not banish the sinister belief that the conflagration was the result of an order. Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judæa, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their centre and become popular. Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind.

The Annals Passage 15.44 (116 A.D)



**IS JESUS THE MESSIAH?**

# Old Testament Prophecies Jesus Fulfilled

Jesus fulfilled 351 prophecies of the Old Testament. The odds of one man fulfilling 10 of these prophecies is 10 to the 17th power! ( 1 in 1000000000000000000 )

<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>OT Verse</i>	<i>NT Fulfillment</i>
<i>Messiah would be born from a woman</i>	<i>Genesis 3:15</i>	<i>Matthew 1:20</i>
<i>Messiah would be born in Bethlehem</i>	<i>Micah 5:2</i>	<i>Matthew 2:1</i>
<i>Messiah would be born of a virgin</i>	<i>Isaiah 7:14</i>	<i>Luke 1:26-31</i>
<i>Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah</i>	<i>Genesis 49:10</i>	<i>Luke 3:33</i>
<i>Messiah would be called Immanuel</i>	<i>Isaiah 7:14</i>	<i>Matthew 1:23</i>
<i>Messiah would spend a season in Egypt</i>	<i>Hosea 11:1</i>	<i>Matthew 2:14-15</i>
<i>Messiah would be rejected by his own people</i>	<i>Psalms 69:8</i>	<i>John 7:5</i>
<i>Messiah would speak in parables</i>	<i>Psalms 78:2-4</i>	<i>Matthew 13:10-15</i>
<i>Messiah would be preceded by Elijah</i>	<i>Malachi 4:5-6</i>	<i>Matthew 11:13-14</i>
<i>Messiah would be called a Nazarene</i>	<i>Isaiah 11:1</i>	<i>Matthew 2:23</i>

**WHY DO WE NEED A SAVIOR?**

# HAVE YOU EVER?

Have you ever lied before? (Exodus 20:16)

Have you ever stolen anything? (Exodus 20:15)

Have you ever looked at the opposite sex with lust before? (Exodus 20:14)

Have you ever hated someone without cause? (Exodus 20:13)

Romans 6:23- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 2:10- For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Romans 3:23- for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

# STANDING BEFORE THE JUDGE

Imagine you are standing in a courtroom and you are guilty of committing a crime. Let's just say there is NO doubt about it...you are guilty. All the evidence is there. You stand before the judge awaiting your sentence and the judge says, "Do you have any last statements?" You reply with, "Yes judge, I believe you are a good and loving judge. Can you please just let me go?"

The judge replies to you, "Yes, I am a good judge and because I am a good judge I have to see the justice is served." The judge then stands to their feet and right before a life sentence is issued, a man bursts through the courtroom doors and says, "Judge! Please don't send this person to jail. Send me instead! Allow me to take their place."

You are stunned! Who is this man? The judge than states, "You do know this person is going away for life right?" The man says, "Yes I do and because of my love for them, I want to take their place."

How would you feel? Would you be grateful?

**Just like this person was saved from a life sentence for what they 100% did, Jesus did the same for you! He save you from a life sentence that you deserve because of His love for you.**

## The Gift Of SALVATION



1

**Romans 10:9-10-** Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

2

**John 3:16-** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

3

**Romans 10:13-** For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

4

**Acts 2:38-39-** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”



## EXPECTATION

*Understand That Salvation Comes Through Jesus Alone*

## Review:

- 1- Why do we need salvation?
- 2- What did Jesus do so we can be saved?
- 3- What makes Jesus different?
- 4- Why is it important that we study history?
- 5- How do we become “saved”?



## Homework For Next Week

Write Out Where You Want/Will Be

f in 6 Months | 1 Year | 5 years