

JESUS OUR SAVIOR **Text: Acts 4:12**

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Jesus Saves!

1. We've been learning more about Jesus studying His names and titles... [LIST]
 2. Each showing a magnificent aspect of our amazing Savior Jesus,
like the glittering facets of a perfectly cut diamond...
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I. WE NEED A SAVIOR!

A. WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE A LIE—THAT WE COULD SAVE OURSELVES

1. **A humanist belief-system that through our intelligence, and our science, and our technology and our education...**
 - a) we could force the human race evolve over time to become: better, stronger, smarter, healthier, happier and eventually even invent a cure for death.
2. **An Ideology That Technology will save us, Science will Save us, WE Will Save us!**
 - a) Technology does help in the fields of medicine and research to Help Humanity—
—but it has also been used to harm Humanity...
 - b) Discoveries in Chemistry—is used to create Chemical Weapons
 - c) Discoveries in Biology—is used to create Biological Weapons
 - d) Discoveries in Atomic Physics—Led to the Terrifying Creation of Atomic Weapons
 - e) Discoveries in the Elements of Creation—Led to the Creation of Hydrogen Bomb.
 - f) Discoveries of Technology that invented computers and the internet—can be used to corrupt innocent minds with the mind virus of sin.
3. **The Very Science & Technology we thought would save us—was then harnessed to corrupt & kill us through Wars, Rebellions and Revolutions...**
 - a) Revolutions that change everything but the human heart.
4. **Even with All of our Technological Advancements in medicine and technology — No Research Laboratory has Found a Cure for Human Evil**
 - a) In the Most Advanced Generation in the History of there World...
 - b) Held Hostage by Mass Shootings, School shootings, Church shootings, Mass Murders...Human Trafficking, Addiction, Adultery, Abortion, Divorce, hatred, murder, and godless ideologies being taught to children.
 - c) We are not as advanced as we think we are—just turn on the news to see that

B. IF WE COULD SAVE OURSELVES THEN THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR A SAVIOR...

1. **But the Problem is not out there in the World—but within us...
—Within our Heart and Soul**

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. (Matthew 15:19)

2. **The British philosopher Bertrand Russel was not a religious man, but even he could see the problem...**

“It is in our hearts that the evil lies, and it’s from our hearts that it must be plucked out.”

3. **It was said that the great physicist Albert Einstein did not have a doctorate degree, and when he was asked he said he didn’t have one because there was no one qualified to give him one!**

“It is easier to denature plutonium, than to denature the evil spirit of man.” (Einstien)

- a) You see, it was Albert Einstein who informed the president of the United States that Germany was close to creating a nuclear weapon.
- b) And without the help of Einstein’s research and urgency, the atomic bomb would not have changed the course of history forever.
- c) It won’t be long for Iran & North Korea to Have Nuclear weapons if they don’t already

C. THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL IS THAT GOD SENT US A SAVIOR FROM HEAVEN

1. **Because of His love for us (John 3:16-17)**

JESUS IS SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

- a) When Jesus told the disciples they would travel through Samaria you can imagine their surprise... Jews and Samaritains hated each other
- b) Then when Jesus begins talking to a Samaritan woman at the well—you can imagine her surprise...
- c) But this was not just a chance meeting by coincidence... this was a divine appointment... **(John 4:39–42)**

2. **A Samaritan Outcast Needs the Gospel As Much as a Phd of the Law like Nicodemous who was on the Supreme Court of Israel!**

- a) We All Need God’s Grace or We Won’t Make It!

II. JESUS SAVES!

A. JESUS WAS SENT TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS

1. **Angels are messengers from God...**

- a) An Angel of the Lord was sent to reassure Joseph that the child that would be born was of the Holy Spirit...
- b) Notice what the angel says: **(Matthew 1:20–21)**

2. **If our Greatest need was KNOWLEDGE...**

–then Jesus ministry would’ve been 30 yrs, not 3

3. **If Our Greatest Need was PHYSICAL HEALING...**

–then Jesus would’ve healed everyone in the land, not just some

4. **Our Greatest need was FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS—**

–and that’s why Jesus went to the Cross

B. HE SAVES FROM THE LIES OF THE ENEMY

1. **There are so many lies of the enemy—but only one truth...**
 - a) Sadly people spend a lifetime creating their own alternate reality...
 - b) Then When You Don't Buy Into the Delusional story they tell themselves...
 - c) They get mad and Attack You Rather than Face their Own Failures (**Js 1:23–24; 26**)
2. **And even if you do believe in God—Satan has some more lies for you...**
 - a) You're so good you don't need to be saved
 - b) You're so bad you don't deserve to be saved — He is lying in both
3. **And Yet Many Still Believe the Lie That We Can Save Ourselves by our own intelligence and Science, and technology...**
 - a) That We Don't Need God—so we use the very blessings of life God has given us, to spend our life trying to explain God away as if He does not exist.

"If human life has been cobbled together by mindless unguided processes, why should we trust our cognitive faculties or the validity of any belief they produce: atheism and science included. Modern Humanism is the faith that through science humankind can know the truth and so be free. But if Darwin's theory of natural selection is true, this is impossible. The human mind serves evolutionary success, not truth, and this reduces all rationality to zero. Far from atheism being great, it seems to me that it is irrational, anti-scientific and incoherent." (John Lennox)

4. **Jesus is the Truth that Sets You Free—(John 8:31–32)**

C. HE SAVES FROM THE CONDEMNATION OF GOD

1. **No condemnation for those who are IN CHRIST! (Romans 8:1)**
2. **Jesus did not come to earth to Condemn but to save! (John 3:17)**
3. **You Don't Have to Live Under Condemnation Any Longer**

D. HE SAVES FROM THE WRATH OF GOD

1. **The Bible tells us that the Wrath of God is on all unrighteousness...**
But Jesus saves us from the wrath of God (John 3:36)
2. **In Fact, Jesus took the Wrath of God Upon Himself on the Cross!**
 - a) On the Cross Jesus said: 'It is Finished'
 - b) the Greek word Tetelestai found on Greek ledgers of debts
 - c) When the Debt is paid, they write "Tetelestai" which means: "paid in full"
 - d) Jesus Paid Our Debt in Full by His blood on the cross—
3. **Jesus did not just give some of His blood—He gave it ALL to Pay it ALL!**

E. HE SAVES FROM THE LAKE OF FIRE (Revelation 20:12–15)

1. **The thought of spending eternity with the Devil and his angels and all of the wicked of all time in a lake of fire is hard to imagine**
 - a) Every Nero, Every Hitler, Every Stalin, every zodiac killer, every Ted Bundy...
 - b) Every Murderer, Rapist, Psycho-killer, and liar and thief
 - c) Even a vivid imagination cannot comprehend an incomprehensible eternity in hell.
 - d) The Second Death is Eternal, Judicial Death...
which is eternal Separation from God (**Revelation 20:14–15**)
2. **Jesus made a way when there was no way (Romans 6:23)**

F. HE SAVES FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH

1. Death is an intruder we fear —

- a) during 2020 you could see the fear in people's eyes — And it was real—not fake
- b) This is something we are saved from (**Hebrews 2:14–15**)

2. Jesus saves us from this fear—because Jesus overcame death— and He gives us victory over death. (Romans 8:15; 38-39**)**

- a) That means you don't have to live life under a dark cloud of death...
you can live in the light of God's love! (**2 Timothy 1:7**)

G. HE SAVES FROM WORRY AND ANXIETY

1. Jesus addresses the problem of worry (Matthew 6:25–27**)**

- a) NIV “Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

2. In the Parable of the Sower, the heart full of thorns is the heart that is strangled and choked by the worries and cares of the world.

- a) Worry actually means being choked... have you ever been choked?
- b) Imagine someone choking you by the neck and holding your head under water so
you couldn't breath...
- c) Would you do this to yourself? –Answer is YES you do when you worry

H. HE SAVES FROM THE DESPAIR OF HOPELESSNESS

1. There are many who've been deceived into thinking this life is all there is... > Life is Hard and then you die.

2. Even Christians can fall into this deception loose sight of the truth! (1 Corinthians 15:12; 16–19**)**

3. But Jesus shows there is more to this life... (1 Corinthians 15:24–26**)**

- a) Sadducees were OT scholars but they didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead
- b) So some of them presented Jesus with a trick question...
- c) A Man married a wife but he died, so she married his brother...
- d) He died so she married his other brother, he died and she married the other brother
- e) THEREFORE—IN THE RESURRECTION WHO'S WIFE IS SHE?
(1) I Think the lesson here is whoever this woman is—don't marry her!
- f) Jesus saw through their false logic and their false motives... (**Matthew 22:29–32**)

CONCLUSION:

1. We Have Hope Because Death is not the End—but a New Beginning! Because God is Not God of the Dead—but of the Living!

“God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”

2. Jesus made a way where there was no way: JESUS SAVES (Acts 4:12**)**