

For Jesus to have come down from heaven, to die on the cross for all the things we have done wrong, and make it possible for us to go to heaven, means He has to be the most special person in the world.

The best way to find out more about Jesus, and to see for yourself the wonderful things that He said and did, is to read the first four books of the New Testament. They are called Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

If you don't already have a Bible and you would like one, please write to the address below and we will gladly send one to you free of charge.

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JESUS



A Very Special Person

Who is Jesus?

'Have you ever really thought about it?' - It's a very important question! Although the name of Jesus is often used as a swear word, He actually claimed to be God.

Let's have a look at what we are told about Him...

In the first part of the Bible (*the Old Testament*) people called prophets wrote about Jesus, even though they lived hundreds of years before He came into the world. This is amazing! They told how He would be born, the kind of life He would live, the kind of person He would be, the things He would teach, how He would die and be buried. They even said that He wouldn't stay dead, but come alive again. No one else has had things like that written about them hundreds of years before they were born! This makes Jesus special.

Around 2,000 years ago Jesus was born. An angel appeared several times to announce His birth. He told Mary, Joseph, and then some shepherds that this baby was the Saviour, who had come into the world to save us from our sins. Angels have never appeared and said such things about anyone else! Jesus is very special indeed!

Jesus lived in the country that today we call Israel. When Jesus was about thirty years old He chose some people to become His followers. They were called Disciples and to begin with, there were twelve of them. Jesus then began to show people how He loved and cared for them.

He performed amazing miracles! Jesus controlled the wind and sea. He made blind people see and deaf people hear! He changed a few loaves and fishes into a meal for 5,000 hungry people. He even brought three dead people back to life! Where else in history can we read of a person who did such wonderful things as Jesus did? Again, this makes Jesus very special!

Jesus said amazing things about Himself. He claimed to be God the Son. He said that if anyone had seen Him, they had seen God. He also said that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life and that no one can come to God the Father except through Him. He promised that those who believe in Him have everlasting life. Has anyone else in history said such things as these? Jesus is so special!

What was the main reason Jesus came into the world?

Jesus said that He is the Good Shepherd, and that the Good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep. Jesus meant by saying this that He loved people so much He was willing to die for them. That is just what He did. He knew that God must punish us for the wrong things we have done (*our sins*). Because Jesus loved us so much, He offered to take our place. He died on the cross at Calvary to suffer the punishment our sins deserved.

After He had died, Jesus was buried in a grave. Then three days later He came to life again. Over the next forty days Jesus' disciples saw Him many times, so they knew He really was alive! Jesus then went up to heaven to prepare a place for all those who trust in Him.