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MAN OF MYSTERY



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Who is He?

He never made a phone call, received an email or sent a text message. Yet worldwide communication is no problem to Him.

He never took part in a radio programme and never appeared on television. Yet His voice is heard by countless millions every day.

He never drove a car, sailed in a ship or flew in an aircraft. In fact He never travelled more than 200 miles from His place of birth. Yet Napoleon, Gandhi and even Bill Gates put together come nowhere near to making the impact upon the world as has this 'man of mystery'.

So just who is He?



Gateway to Life

Over 2,000 years ago now, and motivated by compassion, mercy and love, Almighty God took a wonderful initiative. Taking the form of one of us He came into this world that first Christmas.



As an adult He went on to explain why He came ...so that we might enter into and enjoy a personal relationship with Almighty God...

I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

...that we might escape future judgment and the perils of a lost eternity...

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.

John 10:9

But what does all this really mean?

Light of the World

As we look around our world we realise that much public illumination is intended to make our buildings more attractive and our streets safer.

But as God looks at our daily living He sees that we can be so easily attracted to the darker side of life...

This is the verdict:
Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

John 3:19



And no matter how highly we may think of ourselves...

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

...with consequences as serious as they come...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

Though Christ Jesus shows us how to live...

...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

...He came into this world, even more importantly, as the central figure in a 'rescue plan' beyond all other.

Good Shepherd

In the greatest act of sacrificial love the world has ever known, our Maker, God in the form of man, gave His life for us that first Easter on the Cross of Calvary.

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

As the only One in history ever to have lived a perfect life He was, in the words of the old hymn, 'good enough to pay the price of sin', thus making it possible for us to find peace with God. He says...

I am the good shepherd... and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14,15

But such an amazing initiative demands a response from us. In seeking the forgiveness of the risen Christ Jesus for our self-centred living, He'll help us turn away from all we know to be wrong. And in asking Him by His Spirit into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord, we're given a brand new start...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

...with the motivation and power to live a new lifestyle, pleasing to Him.



Bread of Life

Down through the years bread has enjoyed an unrivalled place in our daily diet with the purpose of keeping us healthy, fit and strong. And no doubt with the importance



of bread firmly in mind Christ Jesus reminds us how important He should be to all who would be His true followers...

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry...

John 6:35a

But He also tells us that in any true, meaningful personal relationship there is a cost... the cost of commitment...

Whoever want to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

Yet in all that may lie ahead for each of us He promises His unfailing help and security...

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5

Living Water

Whether it's money, power, sex or even shopping, many of us feel an inner compulsion to satisfy a craving after ...we know not what. A lack of fulfilment or a sense of emptiness at the heart of our lives drives us in an endless quest for more.

And yet in entering into a right relationship with our Maker we can have that nagging thirst quenched on a never-ending basis. As He promises...

...whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35b

But all of this isn't ours automatically. We're faced with a challenge, the consequences of which have eternal significance...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

Why not reach out to Him today and discover Him to be no longer a man of mystery to you?

