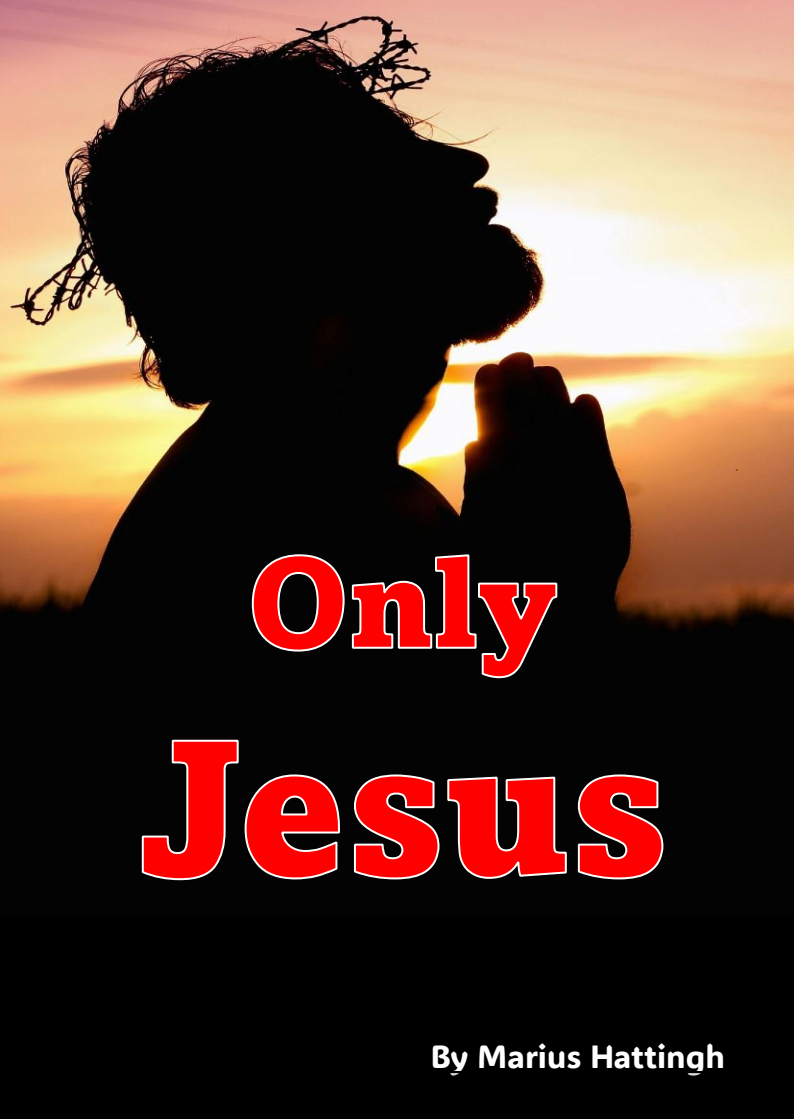




Only Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

People today believes many kinds of strange things. There are also a lot of religions, but in the end, there is only one true God. Every day, a lot of people think they are good and do everything they can, but how many of them really know if what they think is true?

This message is meant to make it clear that there is only one real God and one real Savior. There are many religions, but only one real way for people to connect to God.

There is only one God, the Father, and only one Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the Son of the only Living God. This is what the prayer is for.

MANKIND'S EARTHLY STATUS

It is essential for everyone to understand that all individuals are born with a sinful nature, as stated in the Bible in [Romans 5:18 ASV](#)

So then as through one trespass the judgment came unto all men to condemnation; even so through one act of righteousness the free gift came unto all men to justification of life.

Men are born with a sinful body because Adam sinned and didn't obey God. This sin also led to punishment, but God was so kind that He made a way for people to get past it by sending His only son, Jesus Christ. No amount of work or schooling can change the fact that everyone on earth is born sinful because of Adam's sin. But Jesus made a way for everyone to be free from the punishment that sin brought upon all people.

COMMON DESTINATION

What all people on earth have in common is that they will all have to die at some point. It doesn't matter where they come from or how much schooling they have. It may sound hard, but the Bible makes it clear that sin leads to death.

[Hebrews 9:27 ESV](#)

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.

Nothing will prevent you from reaching this place. It may feel hopeless to know that everyone has to leave this life, but the good news is that there is eternal life available. This is a gift that can't be earned or worked for. We will delve into that subject in the next chapter.

OWN WORKS

While many people may say they are doing good things and living a moral life, the truth is that no amount of good or bad actions can excuse people's sinful nature.

[Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV](#)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

This verse from Ephesians makes it very clear that our good deeds cannot earn us eternal life. It has already been said: everyone will die and then be judged, as [Hebrews 9:27 ESV](#) states. This is a fate that no one can escape. Hebrews states that everyone will be judged, but those who are in Christ will gain eternal life. Another important thing to remember is that God gave everyone the choice to either live for God because of what Jesus did for us or to live for the world. As we mentioned previously, those who choose to live like and for

the world will be judged, and those who choose to live for Jesus will receive eternal life.

OUR RESCUE

Living a good life does not give people the right to go to heaven and inherit eternal life, as was made clear in the previous chapter. [Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV](#) made that point very clear. But there is good news. Through His loving Son Jesus Christ, God the Father, who is sitting on the throne, has made a way for people to be free from judgment. [Romans 6:23 ESV](#)

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

This verse makes it very clear that everyone needs Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in order to go to heaven and receive eternal life. As was already said in Ephesians 2:8–9, no works of any kind can make that happen. Since this is the case, no one can do any good works on their own to earn or defend their place with God.

ONLY JESUS

The good news is that there is a means for people to be saved in the last chapter. Sad to say, a lot of people think that special individuals may save them from being judged. I'm afraid the answer to that question is a big NO THERE IS NOT. Here are scriptures from the Bible that make that point very clear. [John 14:6 ASV](#)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.

This verse makes it very clear that no one can get to God the Father without going through him. Some people who thought there might be many rescues can look at [Acts 4:10-12 ESV](#) let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is

no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

In verse 12, the last part of this text makes it clear: "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Also, the Bible makes it very clear that only God's Son, Jesus Christ, is the bridge between God and mankind.

[1 Timothy 2:5 ASV](#)

For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus

REACH OUT

You have time to reach out to Jesus. Each day is a gift, and you never know what will happen the next day. Please say this prayer if you have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Lord Jesus

I come to you today, and I believe with all my heart that you love me, and confess with my mouth that you died for my sins on the cross.

And I believe that you rose from the dead on the third day

And I ask you to come into my life as my personal Lord and Saviour and wash me with your precious blood that you shed for me on the cross.

And I thank you that I believe I am now born again

Amen.



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