

## Preview: 'Jesus our Saviour'

At the beginning of the Bible, we read how Almighty God created the heavens and the earth. And He created the first humans, Adam and Eve, in His image. God wanted Earth to be the place where He lived among us—*God's people living in God's presence in God's paradise.*

In the beginning, this Earth was very good. Earth is still a wonderful place, full of beauty. But it's also spoiled. It's spoiled by natural disasters, by famine and disease and death, by pollution, pain and suffering. It's spoiled by crime and violence and war.

What went wrong? Things went wrong because Adam and Eve rebelled against God. That first sin had catastrophic consequences on our human race, and on our world. A key consequence was this: Adam and Eve became sinners. And all their descendants—except Jesus—inherited that sinful character.

But that's not the end of the story. God is putting people right—forgiving them and giving them a wonderful new life. And, one day, God will make this Earth a paradise, and lavish on His people all the blessings of life in His presence for all eternity.

God is doing all this through a man—*a man who is also God Himself.* That man is Jesus Christ. He lived on Earth 2,000 years ago. He is the only perfect human who has ever lived.

But though He was perfect, Jesus was persecuted, and finally executed like a criminal. He was crucified—one of the most brutal and shameful ways to die. But God raised Jesus from death. He is alive, and He lives in heaven with God the Father. *And through His death and resurrection, God is putting everything right and completing all His wonderful plans for mankind and for this world.*

How could the death and resurrection of Jesus *possibly* do all this? The Bible tells us the whole amazing story. This little book, *'Jesus our Saviour'*, explores that story.

We follow the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. And we'll see all that He has achieved for us and for our world. Through Jesus Christ, we can be forgiven, and enjoy a completely new and wonderful kind of life, a life in fellowship with God. And one day, Jesus will return to Earth. This Earth will be transformed into God's perfect paradise. God's people will live there in God's presence for all eternity.

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