

JESUS IS THE WAY

Bring it on.

MONDAY

Groovy, it's

TUESDAY

Be ...

cooperative

So, here's the story ...

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Read it for yourself in Romans 3:23

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

Read it for yourself in Romans 6:23

But God commands His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Read it for yourself in Romans 5:8

Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

Read it for yourself in Romans 10:9

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation.

Read it for yourself in Romans 10:10

For everyone, whoever shall call on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Read it for yourself in Romans 10:13

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Read it for yourself in John 3:16

Take it to God

The scriptures that were shared above are only some of what the Bible teaches us about God's desire to be in a relationship with us, and how He made it accessible for us to receive it. Pray out loud, and believe that Jesus died on the cross for you, and rose again to be the kind and loving King of your heart.

A.M.

A.M.

Noon

Noon

P.M.

P.M.

Eve

Eve

FRIDAY

Finale

**Good or bad,
it's all about
connections**



WEEKEND

WoodHoo!

A.M.

Sat

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Sun.

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The horrors of what Jesus actually suffered through to afford us the ability to spend eternity in Heaven is unimaginable.

He was treated like a common criminal. He was bruised and beaten and made fun of. He was shamed and humiliated and ridiculed. He never sinned, yet died the slow and painful death sentence reserved for the worst of the worst.

During His ministry He did nothing but teach, heal and encourage anyone who was willing to listen. Armed with the truth, He brought hope to the hurting.

Those who hated Him were the same ones who rejected God, whether openly or secretly.

But He knew it would be that way.

"Whoever hates me hates my Father also." (John 15:23)

As His followers, we need to keep in mind what Jesus said: "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ... If they persecute me, they will also persecute you." (John 15:18-20)

But on that glorious day, "When Jesus who is our real life comes back again, we will shine with him and share in all His glories." (Colossians 3:4)

Did you know?

- Even more than 2,000 years after Jesus was crucified, Christianity continues to remain the largest religious group in the world.
- There are nearly 400,000 churches in the United States.
- The name Jesus is of Greek origin and means "God is Salvation." It is a form of the Hebrew name Yeshu'a, which means to rescue or deliver. These days it could be translated as Joshua, which means God is deliverance.

So, let's wrap it up



Vicky's
VIEW

Once you become saved, there are changes that will affect your life from that point on. It's like you'll be looking through the lens of different glasses. Only instead of the prescription correcting your bad sight to 100 percent, it'll be boosting it to a whole new level, like by a gazillion percent. Everything will become new. When you accept Jesus as your Savior and repent of your sin, all that gets washed away by His blood that was spilled on your behalf — never to be brought up again.

A fresh start. A blank slate. Freedom.

"Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. ..." (Ezekiel 18:31)

Sure, you will still have some old baggage to deal with (but it's started the process of mending) and some new battles to over-

come, but now Jesus has stepped into the ring with you and fights for you. He's smarter, more experienced and He's way bigger and faster than the foe.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: The old things are passed away, all things have become new."

That means because of Jesus we are reconciled to God — our relationship has been restored to the way it should be.

Did you know in Luke 15:10 it says, "there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents."

They are literally excited and overjoyed every time someone turns away from sin and toward God.

It's a big deal.

Every. Single. Time.

I find that very encouraging.

The angels are rooting for us.

As we adjust to the massive empty space caused by the dumping of the old junk, we want to fill it with love and fullness of joy.

In our conversations with God we should focus on becoming more like Jesus showed us to be.

Along our journey we can include prayers like this:

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

God also issues a warning, as well as what to do instead — and what will result when you do.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2)

There are so many benefits to following Jesus. It's like having the answer key to every single test you'll ever

face.

You'll still have to do your part — show up to class (get into His presence, build that relationship) and do the homework (learn His word and teachings), but it's all worth the effort when all is said and done.

"Let heaven fill your thoughts; don't spend your time worrying about things down here. You should have as little desire for this world as a dead person does.

Your real life is in heaven with Christ and God." (Colossians 3:2-3)

Some people may focus on Heaven's shining streets of gold where there is no hurt or sickness or pain ... but where it's really at is getting to be besties with the Big Man in charge. Sure, He's got a nice place; He can create it to be anything He wants — but He's much more interested in you.

Ponder this:

How many times have you thanked Jesus for what He's done for you this week?

Time to take charge of your life:

(Fill in the blank ...)

has been bugging me lately, bringing me down. What can I do to change that? Do I need help from someone else? Who?

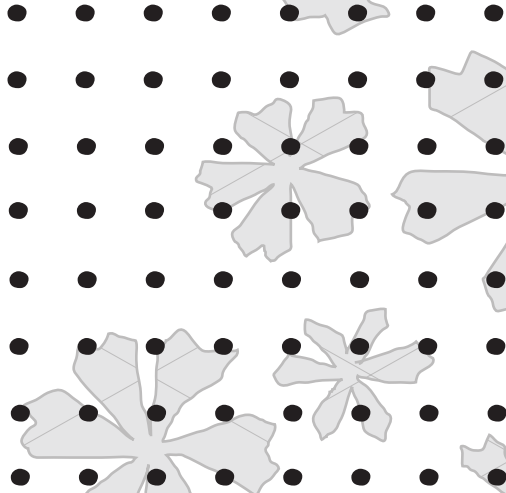
Something good that happened this week was:

Let's read:

Romans

Claiming the promised land

To play, connect two adjacent (next to each other) dots. Take turns with your opponent. If you complete a square, you get another turn. The one with the most squares at the end of the game wins.



You are ...

charming

Wandering the wilderness

Make your way along the words to make a sentence. Your journey will form one single path. You can only go north, south, east, or west and the path must never cross over itself. Start at the northwest corner and finish at the southeast corner.



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Matthew 7:7

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