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We want to preach Christ and present Him to you.

A Christian is a believer on the Lord Jesus Christ

The speaker became a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ through listening to the word of God and reading the bible.

Gospel means good news.

The Lord Jesus Christ is not just a normal man, He is the Son of God: God Himself

God is not Someone which is far off. He is the creator God, but He has come to us and spoken in a language we can understand.

Hebrews 1:2

He had power and authority in His preaching and there was something compelling about the Lord Jesus Christ when He preached. He had power over demons. He had power to heal and cast out many devils.

He has the power of God and is the Saviour of men, woman, boys and girls.

You should value your friends - It is important to be a good friend.

In the passage, the men brought their friend to the Lord Jesus. That is the best thing they could have done.

The Lord saw he had a greater problem than the inability to walk. He had a spiritual need and required his sins to be forgiven. This is necessary to have a place in heaven.

Every hope was found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is faith? Faith is trusting. Believing with all your confidence that something is true even if you cannot see it. The Bible teaches that it is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, that really counts and that "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6)

Who can forgive sins? Only God can forgive, cleanse and free people from their sins. In this passage, the Lord was forgiving sins showing that He is truly God.

The Lord could read peoples hearts and minds. He gave the man the power to walk again. This was the outward showing of an inward change.

What is sin?

Sin is a word the bible uses for any fault or bad. It states, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). We have all missed the standard God has set. Sin is living a self centred life without God in this world.

God saves. He changes lives and destinies. Sin cannot be swept under the carpet. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Sin leads to hell: Spiritual death.

We all have a responsibility to come before God. Christ is the only answer to sin (1 Peter 3:18)

Christ changed Peter's life and Peter followed Him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is JUST, we are UNJUST. Sin separates us from God but there is a way back to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. For a person to have their sins forgiven their sins have to be paid for in full - The Lord did this for us.

The Lord came with a mission. A purpose to lay down His life on the cross. He became the sacrifice and faced the punishment for sins. He has taken care of every sin ever committed or that's going to be committed. We can point you to the Person who has dealt with the issue of sin.

Did the cross finish Him? No Jesus is alive. He rose again on the third day.

If we want to know our sins forgiven and enjoy a relationship with God we must repent and turn our back on the world. You have to admit you are a sinner and accept that the Lord died for you. You must put your trust in Him. By receiving Him you can know full and free forgiveness.

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:12).

This is an immeasurable distance - God wants you to rest fully on Him and on His word, “Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21)