

More Than Just a Story

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1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. ² It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. ³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

John 1:1-5 and 10-14

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. ¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

Matthew 1:21

And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

1. Jesus: Hebrew: Yeshua, The Lord is our salvation (deliverer, healer)
2. Salvation is the total package

1 John 3:8

But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.

1. Destroy: to loose, to untie, to unravel, to break, to destroy. **"The Son of God was revealed to loosen, to untie, to unravel, to break, to destroy** the works of the devil."
2. Works: deeds, doings, labor, work. "The Son of God was revealed to loosen, to untie, to unravel, to break, to destroy **the deeds, doings, labor, work of the devil.**"

Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free...

1. Jesus came to set us free.
2. That same anointing is upon us to set people free from the blindness and oppression of Satan.