



## EASTER - PLAIN & SIMPLE

The late **Sir Lionel Luckhoo** was a lawyer and international statesman. He was known worldwide for his extraordinarily successful legal practice built upon the unprecedented number of defense cases that he won. In the historical annals of the law, Luckhoo is regarded as a legal prodigy. He served as legal counsel to Queen Elizabeth and is recorded in the **1990 Guinness Book of World Records** as the “**most successful lawyer**” of all time. Regarding the Resurrection of Christ from the dead, Sir Lionel once wrote, “*I have spent more than 42 years as a defense lawyer all over the world. I can tell you unequivocally that the proof for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by virtue of the evidence which leaves absolutely no room for doubt.*” Wow, for a “lawyer’s lawyer” of worldwide stature to make such a claim about Jesus’ Resurrection is really quite amazing! The Resurrection of Jesus is the story of Easter. Today we retell His story, plain and simple, and think through its implications, both for your life in the here-and-now and for your life in the hereafter.

### THE SIMPLE STORY

(**1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:4; Acts 1:3, 10-11**)

### REASONS TO BELIEVE THE STORY

### WHY THE STORY MATTERS

The Resurrected Jesus Offers You ...

## HOW TO BECOME A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

### **REALIZE ... that God has a loving plan and purpose for your life.**

Jesus said, “I came to give you a full & satisfying life. (**John 10:10**)

God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son (Jesus) so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. (**John 3:16**)

### **RECOGNIZE ... that sin separates us from God and His plan for our lives.**

There is a problem ... our sin has separated us from God. (**Isaiah 59:2**)

All of us have sinned and the wages of that sin is death ... eternal separation from God in Hell. (**Romans 3:23 & 6:23**)

### **REPENT ... of your sin by asking Jesus to forgive you.**

Forsake your sinful ways and evil thoughts. Return to the Lord. God will show you mercy and forgive you freely. (**Isaiah 55:7**)

Confess your sins to Jesus. He is faithful and just to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all wickedness. (**1 John 1:9**)

### **RESPOND ... to Jesus by surrendering your life to Him as God & Savior.**

As a Christian, Christ is alive in me. Therefore, my life today is all about faithfully following the Son of God, who loves me and gave Himself up for me. (**Galatians 2:20**)

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved. Only Jesus has the power to save! His Name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone. (**Acts 4:12; 16:31**)

### **Following Jesus starts with a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus ... I believe that You alone are God and the only One who can save me from sin. I ask You to forgive me for my sin. I surrender my life to You and I ask You to be my Savior and God. Please help me to live this life faithfully following You and bring me home to Heaven when I die. Thank you, Jesus, for loving me like this ... Amen.*

If you have placed your faith in Jesus today, NCF Church wants you to know how happy we are to hear that. Please let one of our pastors, ushers, or greeters know of your decision to follow Christ. NCF Church has some free materials (including a Bible) that we’d like to give you to help you in your first steps as a Christian.