

True Story: Jesus

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Questions: What is your best rescue story where you have been rescued or you rescued someone else? If you don't have first-hand experience, what is the best rescue story you have heard?

- **Jesus was a real person, not a myth or a legend.**

All historical scholars agree that Jesus was a real, historical person who walked this earth.

A great resource on this subject is Lee Strobel's book, "A Case for Christ."

- **Jesus was more than just human.**

Jesus said things that would seem preposterous for anyone else to say them, but not for Him because He proved His claims by the miracles He did.

Read John 1:14

John 1:14 in The Message version says God "moved into the neighborhood."

Read Philippians 2:5-8

**"God could have shouted His love from heaven,
instead He showed it to us on earth."**

Craig Groeschel



- **Jesus came for a specific purpose.**

Even though Jesus did good works, restored social justice, taught how to live better lives, and His followers do the same, this is not the purpose for which Jesus came.

Read John 3:17

John 3:17 in the Passion Version says "God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it!"

Read Luke 19:10

Luke 19:10 in the Passion Version says "The Son of Man has come to seek out and to give life to those who are lost."

The specific purpose Jesus came for was to rescue us.

"Jesus Storybook Bible" is a great version of The Story.

Question: What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "Jesus came to save sinners"?

The Christian Story isn't based on what we did or what we do but on what Jesus has already done.

Question: How does this uniquely Christian truth impact you / influence the way you live your life?

**The rescue mission was God's idea.
He is pursuing you.**

Question: Picture the mess you are drowning in and invite Jesus to walk into that mess. What are some reactions you experience when you invite Jesus to walk into your mess?

**"God exposes sin not to shame us, but to change us."
Stephen Furdick**