

# **Buddhists, Did You Know Creator God Sent His Savior-King? How Can Following His Savior-King Benefit You?**

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Words in parenthesis are references in the Bible to document these statements.

**God is calling Buddhists and people of all religions to come back to Him. He wants you to understand:**

**1. What was it like in the beginning?** - In the beginning, Creator God created the world and said that it was “very good.” Our first ancestors had a close relationship with Him. With loyalty, they honored and obeyed His rulership. In return, God gave them the honor and purpose of ruling over His world (Genesis 1:1-31). As a loving Father, God protected, provided, and guided them. There was no sin, sadness, suffering, nor shame. As loyal children, they lived joyfully and peacefully with God, each other, and the world. God wisely warned them that they must not reject His rulership or the consequences would be death (Genesis 21:16-17). There would also be suffering here on earth and eternal separation from God and all that is good in hell. They agreed to faithfully serve Him and enjoyed His blessings.

**2. What changed everything?** - Unfortunately, an evil spirit, in the form of a serpent, came to our first ancestors. He filled their minds with doubts and prideful thoughts. They shamefully chose to reject God’s rulership and to rule themselves and the world their way (Genesis 3:1-8). Since then, humanity has chosen the same path. This disobedience and rejection of a relationship with God, who is honorable and pure, is why the world is so full of sin and suffering. It has also opened the door for evil spirits to tempt and deceive us, trying to keep us from coming back to our Father God. **Deep in our hearts, we miss the love, joy, and peace that humanity once had with God** (Galatians 5:22). Is there any hope for us? Yes, God, who is compassionate, has a plan, He has good news for us!



**3. What is God’s good news?** - Our good works can never reconcile us to God, but because of His love, God promised that He would not abandon us, He would reach out to us. How? He would send us a Savior-King to rescue all who would choose to follow Him and turn back to God (John 3:16-17). This holy and compassionate Savior-King would re-establish the Father/Child (Galatians 3:26) and King/Servant relationship. He would forgive their sins and help them live a life of honor and dignity. God waited for the right time to send Him.

**4. Has God’s Savior-King arrived yet?** - Yes! God kept His promise! Jesus, the Savior-King was born! Through His miracles, healing the sick, raising the dead, calming storms, walking on water, Jesus proved that He is the Son of God and the Savior-King. “Jesus called everyone to repent of their sin and follow him. He promised that he would forgive their sin, restore their relationship with God, bring true honor and purpose back to their lives, and make them a part of his family. He promised that those who turn to him would inherit his coming (*future*) new world” (1). Many people, including the rich and poor, powerful and weak, followed His teachings and worshipped Him. Jesus said, **“I am, the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”** (John 14:6).

But not everyone wanted to accept Him as God’s King. The community leaders plotted to kill Him. Jesus knew of their plans and willingly allowed them to kill Him. He said, “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father” (John 10:17-18). It was God’s plan that Jesus’



death would pay the penalty for our sins, so we could have a relationship with God. “The good news is that God was still in control of everything. Three days after Jesus died, he rose from the dead with a real physical body. Jesus was alive! He had defeated death and God's plan was moving forward. After teaching his followers for 40 days, **Jesus ascended to heaven but promised to return one day**” (1).

**5. What will happen when Jesus returns?** - When Jesus returns, He will come back as the all-powerful King. He will remove all sin, sorrow, suffering, and shame from the world. All who follow Him now, will be given a place in heaven with Him (John 14:30).

“Jesus is the Savior-King that God promised would rescue us and our world. Jesus, God’s Son who will one day rule over our world forever, deserves our allegiance and honor. Millions of people in Asia and all over the world have found truth, love, and purpose in turning from sin and giving their lives to follow Jesus the Savior-King. Only Jesus can bring us back to God and give us the life we were created to have. Jesus took our punishment for sin upon himself (*Romans 5:8*) so that we could be forgiven of our sin against God. Through faith in Jesus, we can have our relationship with God restored and a new life filled with peace, joy, and purpose” (1). We only die once, then we are judged (*Hebrews 9:27*), so if we follow Jesus, we can go to heaven to be with Him, immediately after death.

Father God gave Jesus the authority to judge all the people in the world (2 Timothy 4:1). Only Jesus’ followers will be allowed into heaven, the others will go to hell. God doesn’t want anyone to go there (2 Peter 3:9), just as He did not want our ancestors to reject Him. But He lets us make our own choices.

(1) \* “Contextualizing the Gospel for Southeast Asian Buddhists: Recovering the Critical Themes of Kingdom and Covenant Evangelism,” By Eric Christopher Mullis 12/2018 (<https://search.proquest.com/openview/9e27d6f009674235a93b85f544d9fd4e/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=18750>)



**6. Jesus is calling you to follow Him** - (Mark 8:34) “King Jesus will rescue you if you trust in Him, repent of your sins, and give him your life. Giving your life to Jesus means you cannot follow other religions, spirits, or sometimes even your personal desires. It means you submit your life to live to honor Jesus in every way” (1). Jesus wants everyone to know about Him and have a chance to follow Him,

so He said to tell all nations (*Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16*). **By following Jesus, you can have:**

- a. a loving relationship with Jesus and Father God, who will listen, guide, and strengthen you
  - b. your sins forgiven and your life free from guilt and shame and full of honoring God
  - c. a new life with dignity, purpose, and joy with Jesus here on earth
  - d. as part of God’s family, new brothers and sisters who also follow Jesus
  - e. immediately after death, eternal life in heaven with Jesus and Father God
- 7. Do you want Jesus to be your Savior-King?** If so, you need to tell Him:
- a. I believe You are God’s Son and Savior-King.
  - b. I repent of my sins and for rejecting God’s rulership in my life.
  - c. I believe You died to pay the penalty for my sins and Your gift to me is eternal life in heaven with You.
  - d. I want to live for You and Your purposes for my life.
  - e. I now receive you as my Savior-King.

**8. Whether you decided to follow Jesus or you are not yet sure,** please call us, watch us on line, or even better, come visit us. Here you can make new friends who can help you and answer your questions. We can give you a Bible. We have classes that you can take to learn more about following Jesus.

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