

STORYLINES : Salvation



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TO KNOW WHY YOU NEED SALVATION
TO KNOW THAT THE STORY OF US NEED SALVATION RUNS FROM THE OT TO THE NT
TO KNOW THAT THE VICTORY BELONGS TO JESUS



TO FULLY UNDERSTAND WHY SALVATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN OUR LIVES

Intro Questions



- 📖 **Welcome everyone, introduce the topic and ask an icebreaker!**
- 🗨️ What is your favourite superhero saving moment? Or your favourite victory moment? i.e football victory, movie moment etc.
- 🗨️ What made it your favourite? Often they are when there seems to be little chance/hope of a comeback why is this?
- 🗨️ The theme of us needing saving seems to be so ingrained in our makeup would you say that you think you need saving?

Summary

📖 **Read summary on page 13 in your book or on the other side of the sheet.**

Bible Bit: Salvation in the Old Testament

- 📖 **Read Exodus 3:7-8**
- 🗨️ What are (if any) the similarities between the Israelites and us in today's society?
- 🗨️ Israel needed to be set free from slavery. If you had to express to someone why you need salvation and what difference it has made to your life (and you weren't allowed to use Christian jargon), what would you say?
- 🗨️ What does the cross mean to you now? How is it important?

We can't get far as Christians without meeting the cross. Yet, for some of us, it raises questions. Was the cross necessary? If so, why? If God really is all-loving and all-powerful, why couldn't He just forgive us anyway? Where's the 'justice' in God punishing His innocent Son? What's it all got to do with the forgiveness of sins anyway and is this the only solution to sin? The Bible gives more than an answer to this question; it presents us with different 'windows' on the cross, and there are different ways of understanding this one event. If we don't look through the different windows, we'll miss the full picture.

Bible Bit: The Cross

- 📖 **Window 1: The Cross as Penal Substitution - Romans 6:23**
 - 🗨️ What are the two sides to this verse?
 - 🗨️ Why can't God ignore sin? How did He overcome this problem?
- 📖 **Window 2: The Cross as Reconciliation - 2 Corinthians 5:18-19**
 - 🗨️ **Simple but important question** - How have we been reconciled back to God?
 - 🗨️ Once we have been reconciled back with God and we're forgiven, why is it still important that we don't carry on sinning?
- 📖 **Window 3: The Cross as Redemption - 1 John 3:1**
 - 🗨️ Do you feel as though you are fully redeemed and living as a child of God? If so how do you know? If not, what is holding you back?
- 📖 **Window 4: The Cross as Victory - John 10:10**
 - 🗨️ What is Satan's main aim? How does Jesus combat this? Although we still see signs of this we spoke about the Kingdom of God last week and how there's a tension between the now and the not yet!
 - 🗨️ Do you feel as your fully living in the 'LIFE TO THE FULL' now? How can you really be fully living in Jesus?
- 📖 **Finish by reading - Col. 2:13-15 - JESUS HAS THE VICTORY!**



Can you post anything on Facebook about what you've learnt today?



Can you post a picture on Instagram representing what you've done today?



Can you post anything on Snapchat about what you've learnt today?

Summary

The pattern is set in the book of Exodus and continues throughout Scripture; God is constantly intervening to save his people in all sorts of ways. God's plan of salvation, a plan that kicked in from the moment of creation, climaxed with a man dying on a cross.

On that cross God Himself displayed His justice and love through suffering on our behalf. He reconciled the world to Himself, restoring us to deep and intimate relationships with Him. He redeemed us to the point where we go from being slaves to sin to being children of God. And He won a victory that we could never win for ourselves. He defeated sin and He conquered death; He did it out of love for us and He longs for us to share in this victory. Without the cross and resurrection of Christ, there could be no salvation.