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## WHAT REALLY CHANGES?

### The Crucifixion

<sup>35</sup> After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there. <sup>37</sup> A sign was fastened above Jesus' head, announcing the charge against him. It read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. **Matthew 27:35-38 NLT**

### The Death of Jesus

<sup>45</sup> At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. <sup>46</sup> At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" <sup>47</sup> Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. <sup>48</sup> One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. <sup>49</sup> But the rest said, "Wait! Let's see whether Elijah comes to save him." <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. **Matthew 27:45-50 NLT**

### The Resurrection

<sup>1</sup> Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. <sup>7</sup> And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you." **Matthew 28:1-7 NLT**

<sup>10</sup> He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. **John 1:10-13 NLT**

## WHAT CHANGES FOR ME IF I REALLY BELIEVE IN JESUS?

### 1. EVERYTHING I'VE EVER DONE WRONG IS FORGIVEN.

<sup>22</sup> We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. <sup>23</sup> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. <sup>25</sup> For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. **Romans 3:22-25a NLT**

<sup>43</sup> He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name." **Acts 10:43 NLT**

### 2. GOD'S POWER AT WORK IN ME, GIVES ME STRENGTH FOR EACH DAY.

<sup>19</sup> I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. **Ephesians 1:19-20 NLT**

### 3. I'M GUARANTEED ETERNAL LIFE.

<sup>16</sup> "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him." **John 3:16-17 NLT**

<sup>9</sup> If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. <sup>11</sup> As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." <sup>12</sup> Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **Romans 10:9-13 NLT**

### 4. JESUS CHANGES MY LIFE FOR THE BETTER AS I ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD ME.

<sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. <sup>25</sup> Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. **Galatians 5:22-25 NLT**

## WHAT MUST I DO TO REALLY BELIEVE?

- Confess your sin and your need to God.
- Receive God's gift of salvation by faith in Jesus.
- Follow Jesus daily by faith.

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, <sup>4</sup> and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. **1 Peter 1:3-4 NLT**