

**Imagine.**

**Suppose we used the OFF switches: what would be left?**

**If we turned OFF our TVs, videos and computer games.**

**If we stopped surfing the net and watching films.**

**If we switched OFF the radio and the hi-fi.**

**If we even switched OFF our mobile phones.**

**What then?**

Probably a lot of silence.

An anxious silence, slowly filling with questions:

**Questions**

Why am I here?

Am I in a virtual world or the real world?

Why don't I want to be alone?

Who values me?

Purpose? Meaning?

These questions still crop up - even with everything switched on. They may be harder to hear, but they are certainly there. Some are trivial. Others are important. Many are personal and others are universal. The questions are a search for Truth. Here is an answer ...

**Answer**

I know a man who lived and died for the Truth.

Here is what Jesus Christ said about his personal Truth - 'He then began to teach them that he must be killed and after three days rise again'. And it happened. He did die and did come back to life three days later. Because He said that and it happened, then the other things He said about Truth are worth looking at.

**He lived the Truth**

In His relationships He had integrity. In His teaching He spoke the Truth. In His arguments He was straight talking. And people loved Him for it. 'I am the way and the truth and the life'.

**He spoke the Truth about Himself**

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full'.

'... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'. 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives'.

**He spoke the Truth about you and me**

'For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, envy, slander, arrogance and folly'. 'There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'.

You and I fall short of the best life that we can have. We are separated from God, our Creator. We can get the best by getting back to God.

That means we need to –

A - Admit we have done wrong.

B - Believe that Jesus died to take away our sins so that we can be reconciled to God.

C - Commit our lives to following Jesus. To make Jesus – not ourselves – the centre of our lives.

Simple Truth. Life changing Truth. Who is at the centre of your life – you or Jesus Christ?

**You can 'switch on'**

You can live the life God wants you to have when you know Him and follow His Son, Jesus Christ.

'Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent'.

Bible quotations from Mark 7.21, 8.31, 10.45; John 10.10; 14.6; 14.27; 17.3.

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