

“Once upon a time there was an old king who had three sons...” so begins a typical tale from bygone days! Story telling is an ancient tradition, enjoyed the world over!

You will have your own favourite story from yesteryear. Mine is the Arthurian legend, with King Arthur, Camelot, the Round Table and Excalibur; I love the deeds of valour in an atmosphere of forests and mists. Yet, although they are exciting, these tales like all the others are merely legends.

The only exception is the story concerning the life and times of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. His life has been recorded independently in the Bible by the gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The first three of these narrators describe vividly how that one day Jesus went up a mountain where His face became radiant with glorious light, as bright as the sun. A Voice then came from heaven saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him”<sup>(1)</sup>. One of the eye witnesses to this incident was Simon Peter, a follower of Jesus.

Later in life he wrote about this incident, “We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eye witnesses of his majesty” <sup>(2)</sup>. Peter’s witness still stands: what he saw was no deception, nor is it a myth today.

Peter also wrote concerning the Lord Jesus Christ: “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed”<sup>(3)</sup>. Peter not only witnessed the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ on a mountain but also His sufferings when He was executed on a wooden cross. Then after Jesus’ bodily resurrection and before His return to heaven where He is today, Peter also saw Him again.



## the eye witness

All of these awe inspiring events were God’s plan to declare His Son as who He was and is, “Jesus the Son of God”<sup>(4)</sup>, the Saviour of sinful people. Your eternal future is now at stake and it depends on how you respond to the death of Christ. He paid the penalty for your sins so that you might be set free from the slavery of sin and have the free gift of eternal life. If

you believe that Jesus died for you and if you ask God to forgive your sins, you will be saved for eternity. But if you do not believe, God will reject you. God wants you to be saved so much that He gave His own Son for you. Accept the testimony of Peter, the eye witness.

**“Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God”<sup>(5)</sup>.**

(1) Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9

(3) 1 Peter 2:24

(5) 1 Peter 3:18

(2) 2 Peter 1:16

(4) Hebrews 4:14