

Short Talk

(SHT035)

Jesus to the rescue

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SHORT TALK: “JESUS TO THE RESCUE” (SHT035)

Aim of Short talk: To teach that Jesus rescued us because we are precious to Him.

Main themes: Jesus, Salvation, Rescue

Biblical references: Hebrews 12:2, Colossians 1:13, Romans 7:24-25a, Galatians 1:3-5, John 3:16, Luke 4:18-19, 1Timothy 1:15, Philippians 2:6-7

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I need four helpers this morning to come and join me. *(Four volunteers come forward)*

- I want you to imagine that your neighbour had a very big bonfire in his garden one afternoon.
- Unfortunately, he was rather careless and a spark from his bonfire landed on the roof of your house and before long your whole house was on fire.
- No-one was in your house at the time because you and your family were all at school and work.

Now imagine that you have just got home from school / work.

- The firemen have arrived to put out the fire and they tell you that you have ten seconds to rescue one thing from the house that is precious to you,
- before the house burns down.
- What would you rescue? Why would you rescue it?
- I am going to ask each one of you in turn those two questions. *(Ask each of your four volunteers what they would rescue and why)*

Thank you for sharing that with us.....would you like to sit down.

- Each one of us in that situation would rescue something that was precious to us wouldn't we?
- We would rescue something that we really valued and wouldn't want to live without,
- even if it meant that we might risk getting burnt by the fire.

When Jesus came to earth over two thousand years ago, he came on a rescue mission.

- He didn't come to rescue precious things from a house that was on fire.
- He came to rescue each one of us; men, women and children, from the terrible effects of our sins.....
- that have left us separated from Father God both now and for all eternity.

The rescue mission of Jesus was the most costly rescue mission of all time,

- because it cost Jesus his very life,
- when he was crucified on the cross.

Now we might ask the question, “Why would Jesus do such a thing?”

- Why would Jesus leave the glory of the heavens,
- and loving relationship with His Father and the Holy Spirit,
- to come to earth to die the most brutal death on a cross?

The reason is that each one of us is precious to Him.

- We may not feel anything special,
- but each one of us is highly valued by Jesus.

In fact we are so highly valued by Jesus that He was willing to give up all that He had,

- to rescue us.

Listen to this from the book of Philippians:

- *“Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”*

That is pretty amazing isn't it?

Some of you might ask the question: “How can I be rescued by Jesus?”

- You need to simply **come** to him, by faith,
- **ask** him to forgive you your sins,
- and **receive** the new life he wants to give you,
- the new life where you can enjoy a relationship with your heavenly Father.

Jesus has done everything necessary to rescue you.

- Have you allowed Him to rescue you yet?