

Short Talk

(SHT202)

The Only Way to be Rescued

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SHORT TALK: “The Only way to be rescued”

- Aim of Short talk:** To challenge people with the truth that there is only one way to be saved and that is through trust in Jesus.
- Use of Short talk:** This is a short All Age talk picking out one issue from the Lectionary Gospel reading of the Sunday main service. The talk stands alone and assumes that the Gospel Bible reading may not yet have been read to the congregation. It could be used for example, for the whole congregation before the children go out to their age specific groups, leaving the adults with a full sermon later.
- Main themes:** Jesus, Salvation, Gate, Rescue
- Biblical references:** John 10:1-10
- Lectionary:** Year A – The 4th Sunday of Easter

I want you to imagine for a moment that you are in your bedroom in a building that is very high up.

- The fire alarm has just gone off and you need to get out.
- Unfortunately, the lock on your bedroom door has jammed so the only way out is through the window.
- If you jump out of the window, you could hurt yourself badly or you could even die.

On the ground below there are 5 people who are shouting at you.

- They are all telling you to do different things, but which one will you trust to rescue you?

The first person you hear is called Mike. He says: *“Stay where you are. You will be fine. The fire won’t affect you.”*

The second person you hear is called Alice. She says: *“Just jump. The grass will give you a nice soft landing.”*

The third person you hear is called Eric. He says: *“I have got a big fishing net here. Jump and I will catch you.”*

The fourth person you hear is called Melissa. She says: *“You can do this. Tie your sheets together and make your own way down.”*

The fifth person you hear is your dad, who is a firefighter. He says: *“Don’t worry. Your firefighter dad is here to rescue you and I am trained to do this. I am coming to get you and will bring you down to safety.”*

Which person out of Mike, Alice, Eric, Melissa and your dad would you trust to rescue you?
(Receive responses)

There is only one way to be rescued in that situation isn't there?

- Only your dad can save you because as a firefighter, he is qualified to rescue people.

Now for a bigger question.

- Who will you trust to rescue you from the effects of your sin and your separation from God?

Around you in life there will be all sorts of people telling you to do different things, but which one will you trust to rescue you?

In the fire situation Mike told you to stay where you were.

- In the real-life situation people will tell you that it doesn't matter how you live.
- Keep doing what you are doing....
- Sin doesn't matter and you don't need rescuing.

In the fire situation Alice told you to jump and you would land safely on the grass.

- In the real-life situation people will tell you that any religion will rescue you.
- Just be spiritual and you will be fine.

In the fire situation Eric told you to jump and he would catch you in his fishing net.

- In the real-life situation people will tell you that as long as you were baptised as a baby you can ignore God for the rest of your life.

In the fire situation Melissa told you to rescue yourself by tying up sheets together.

- In the real-life situation people will tell you that you will be fine as long as you live a good life and do lots of good things.

In the fire situation your dad told you that he could rescue you because he was trained to rescue people.

- In the real-life situation Jesus said: *"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."* (John 10:9)

Jesus is able to rescue us from the effects of our sin and separation from God because He paid for our sin when He laid down His life for us on the cross.

- There is only one way to be rescued.
- That is what Jesus meant when He said that He was the gate.
- Have you let Jesus rescue you yet?