

# “BAD THINGS HAPPENING and NEVER ACCEPTING JESUS”

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Lamentations 3:33 NLT

For he (God) does not enjoy hurting people or causing them sorrow.

*NIV For he (God) does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.*

Some bad things are the result of our own sin.

Some bad things are the result of other people’s sin.

Some bad things are the result of Satan’s attacks.

Most bad things happen because we live in a fallen world.

Matthew 5:45 NLT

For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.

Remember you are **not** alone, God is with you!

Isaiah 43:2 NLT

When you go through deep waters, I will be **with you**. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will **not drown**. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will **not be burned up**; the flames will **not consume** you.

Hebrews 13:5b NIV

“**Never** will I leave you; **never** will I forsake you.”

Remember pain can serve a **purpose**.

2 Corinthians 7:10 NLT

For the kind of **sorrow** God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. **There’s no regret** for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

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Remember pain won't last **forever**.

2 Corinthians 4:17 NIV

For our **light and momentary** troubles are achieving for us an **eternal glory** that far outweighs them all.

What happens to those who never hear about Jesus?

Do people who never hear about Jesus go to hell simply because they were never given the opportunity to hear about Jesus?

Assumption: all religions are the same

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Salvation is a **gift** of grace from God to those who believe.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

God saved you by his **grace** when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. **Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done**, so none of us can boast about it.

Religion is man's **attempt** to reach God.

**Christianity** (Jesus) is God's attempt to reach us.

John 3:16-17 NLT

"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. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

John 14:6 NLT

Jesus told him, "I am **the way, the truth, and the life**. *No one can come to the Father except through me.*

What **happens** to those who never hear about Jesus?

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Matthew 7:7-8 NLT

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Cornelius

In the last 15 years, 7 Million Muslims a year have become followers of Jesus Christ.

While everyone in the world may not have **equal amounts** of access to information about Jesus, they are responsible to follow **whatever** measure of information God has given them.

God made it possible for all people to **know** about Him.

Romans 1:19-20 NLT

They know the truth about God because he has **made it obvious to them**. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, **they can clearly see** his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

God is a **fair** judge.

Luke 12:47-48 NLT

“And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn’t prepared and doesn’t carry out those instructions, will be severely punished. But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.”

The person who asks:

**“What about the person who has never heard about Jesus?”**

.... that person has **without exception** heard about Jesus.

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Jesus Is **God!!!**

John 1:1-2 NLT

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, **and the Word was God**. He existed in the beginning with God.

Jesus Is the **Creator**

Colossians 1:16-17 NLT

for through him (Jesus) God **created** everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was **created through him and for him**. He (Jesus) existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Jesus Is the Giver of **Life**

John 1:4 ESV

In him was **life**, and the **life** was the light of men.

Jesus Conquered **Death**

Romans 6:4 NLT

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was **raised from the dead** by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Jesus Is **THE WAY** to Eternal Life

John 3:15 NLT

...everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

Jesus Loves **Me**

John 3:16 NLT

“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.”

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