

God still loves us, even though we've sinned. Jesus was punished in our place, and God brought him back to life to show us what "being forgiven" means . . . a chance to "start over" and be able to have a relationship with God.

So you will be saved, if you honestly say "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death.⁴

Jesus paid the price for our sin and God wants us to share in this gift of life. It is not for sale. It's free and it's available to anyone, anywhere, 24/7.

God is so good, and by raising Jesus from death, he has given us new life and a hope that lives on. God has something stored up for you in heaven, where it will never decay or be ruined or disappear.⁵



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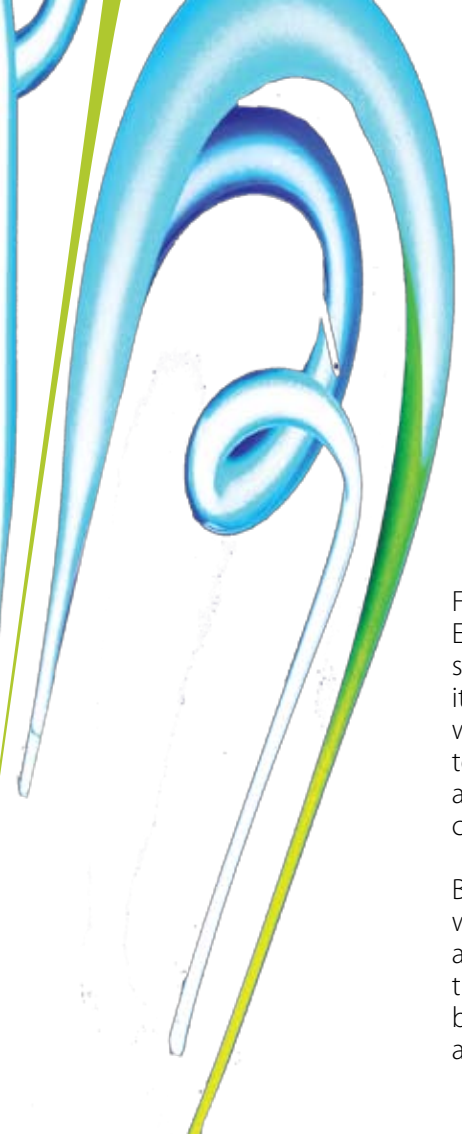
The passages contained in this leaflet come from the Contemporary English Version.

1. Luke 23:33; 44-46
2. Mark 16:5-6
3. Romans 6:23
4. Romans 10:9
5. 1Peter 1:3b-4

If you would like to know more about the free gift of life that God offers you can read about it in the Bible. You can also speak to someone you know that is a Christian, or the person who gave you this leaflet.



24/7 INCLUDING
**GOOD FRIDAY +
EASTER SUNDAY**



For nearly 2000 years, Easter has been a special time. Today it is a holiday, a long weekend, a chance to shop at the sales, a time to feast on chocolates.

But the first Easter was more dramatic and more exciting than any of this. It began with a death and ended with life.

On the day we call "Good Friday", a man called Jesus was executed.

When the soldiers came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed Jesus to a cross. They also nailed the two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus... Around midday the sky turned dark and stayed that way until the middle of the afternoon. The sun stop shining, and the curtain in the temple split down the middle. Jesus shouted, "Father, I put myself in your hands!" Then he died.¹



Jesus' body was put in a tomb. Three days later, on the day we now call "Easter Sunday", some women who had been his friends went to the tomb...

The women went into the tomb, and on the right side they saw a young man in a white robe sitting there. They were alarmed.

The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body."²



What was this all about?

Jesus was sent by God for a very special reason.

He spent his life teaching about God and showing God's love and power, but what he did by dying and being raised to life again was even more important.

The Bible says that we have all sinned—ignored God; lived our own way; done and thought things we shouldn't—and that we have to answer to God for not living the way we should.

Sin pays off with death. But God's gift is eternal life given by Jesus Christ our Lord.³