

God's rescue mission

Three vital factors in our dilemma, and God's amazing solution

God had a huge problem.

He cared about us and wanted to rescue us from our sin and shame.

Perhaps we think, "God is all powerful, so He can do anything, can't He?"

After all, doesn't He say, "I am God Almighty"? Genesis 17:1.'

First, though He is Almighty God, His almightiness on its own couldn't rescue us. Why not? Because His Almightyness doesn't change the fact that we deserve to die. Who says we deserve to? God does.

Second, God decreed that only a human can pay for human sin, and every human must die for his sin.

Could anything else pay the penalty of our sin? We couldn't buy our way out of trouble. And even if we could live perfect lives from now on, our debt of past sins would still remain.

Third, God saw just one possible escape for a sinful world. Here is His amazing solution. As well as being fully God, *He would now also become fully human!* By taking on our humanity the Holy God would die in our place, as our substitute. What drove Him to do it! Of course His great love for us. Nothing else.

What a Saviour! What a Deliverer! What a Friend!

He took on himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men – Philippians 2.7

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