

# A NEW WAY

## *Understanding the Death of Jesus Through the Actual Teachings of Jesus (Handout 1)*

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act. — Mahatma Gandhi

“I freely admit that real Christianity . . . goes much nearer to Dualism than people think . . . The difference is that Christianity thinks this Dark Power was created by God, and was good when he was created, and went wrong. Christianity agrees with Dualism that this universe is at war. But it does not think this is a war between independent powers. It thinks it is a civil war, a rebellion, and that we are living in a part of the universe occupied by the rebel.”— C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity.

**Genesis 1.26**—Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have DOMINION . . .” (NRSV)

**Genesis 3.1-6**— Now the serpent was more crafty [cunning - REB; subtle - ASV] than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

**Luke 11.21-22**—When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

**Luke 4.5-6(NASB)**— And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain [dominion - REB] and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

**1John 5.19**—We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

**Hebrews 2.14**—Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil.

**John 8.44**— He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**1John 3.8**—The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s works.

**John 16.11**— . . . the ruler of this world . . . [magistrate]

**John 14.30 (NRSV)**—I will not say much more to you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim over me.

**John 12.31**—Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

**Genesis 3.15**— . . . he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

**Mark 10.45**—For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as **A RANSOM** for many. (See also 1 Timothy 2.6 & Hebrews 9.15)

**Luke 13.32**—He replied, “Go tell that fox [Herod], ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will finish my work - NRSV; complete my mission - WEB.

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Acts 10.38—How **GOD** anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were **under the power of the devil** . . .

John 14.30—I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming . . .

Luke 4.13—When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

John 18.37—“You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

John 12.27,28—“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

John 10.30—“I and the Father are one.”

John 14:9—Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

John 14.10 (NIV)—“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you are not just My own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work.”

## Two Conduits:

Acts 10.38-40—How **GOD** anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were **under the power of the devil**, because **GOD was with him**. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. **THEY** killed him by hanging him on a cross.

Acts 3.13-15—The **GOD** of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. **YOU** handed him over to be killed, and **YOU DISOWNED HIM** before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. **YOU DISOWNED** the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. **YOU KILLED** the author of life.

Acts 2.22-24—“People of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by **GOD** to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was given to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and **YOU**, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

2 Corinthians 5.19—God was in Christ . . . **NOT** counting their trespasses against them. .

Isaiah 53.3-4— He was despised and rejected by others, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom **PEOPLE** hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took the pain we inflicted on him and bore suffering we gave him, **YET WE CONSIDERED HIM PUNISHED BY GOD, STRICKEN BY HIM, AND AFFLICTED.**

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2 Corinthians 5.19—God was in Christ . . . NOT counting their trespasses against them.

Acquit—free someone from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty. (A Verdict of Innocence)

Justify—To declare “not guilty”.

“With regard to ‘Satisfaction’, we will not allow the use of this word in our schools or on the lips of our preachers, but would rather send it back to the judges, advocates, and hangmen, from whom the Pope stole it.” - Martin Luther; Luther’s Works, 34, p.301

Luke 9.21-22— . . . And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Luke 19.45-20.2—When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. . . . the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

Luke 22.4—And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.

Luke 22.52—Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him . . .

Luke 22.53—Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.

Ephesians 6.12—For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Colossians 2:14-15—He has **CANCELED** the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. There He disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (See Zechariah 3)

Romans 5.18 (REB)—It follows, then, that as the result of one misdeed was condemnation for all people, so the result of one righteous act is **ACQUIT-TAL** and **LIFE** for all.

Colossians 1.13—For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness **AND** brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

Mark 1.15— Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news [the gospel] of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Luke 11.21,22 (The Message)—When a strong man, armed to the teeth, stands guard in his front yard, his property is safe and sound. But what if a stronger man comes along with superior weapons? Then he’s beaten at his

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own game, the arsenal that gave him such confidence hauled off, and his precious possessions plundered.

**John 12.31**—NOW is the TIME OF JUDGEMENT on THIS WORLD; NOW the prince of this world will be driven out.

**Revelation 12.10**—Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.”

**Luke 4.5-6**— The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you ALL THEIR AUTHORITY and splendor; it has been GIVEN TO ME, and I can give it to anyone I want to . . .

**Matthew 28.18-19**— And Jesus came and said to them, “ALL AUTHORITY in heaven and on earth has been GIVEN TO ME. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . .

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**John 14.30**— . . . the prince of this world is coming. He has NO CLAIM over me.

**Philippians 2.8**—He humbled himself by becoming OBEDIENT [to God] to death—even death on a cross!

**Romans 5.19**—For as through the disobedience of one man many were made sinners, so through the OBEDIENCE of one man many will be made righteous.

**John 1.5**— . . . the darkness could not overcome it.

**Acts 2.23-24**— . . . YOU, [under the Satan] with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, FREEING HIM from the agony of death, because it was IMPOSSIBLE for death to keep its hold on him.

**Luke 22.20**—In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the NEW COVENANT in my blood, which is poured out for you. (cf. Exodus 24.8)

**Romans 15.8-9**—For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s faithfulness, SO THAT THE PROMISES MADE TO THE PATRIARCHS MIGHT BE CONFIRMED . . .

**Acts 10.39-40**—THEY [under the Satan] killed him by hanging him on a cross, but GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.

**Acts 4.10**—Whom YOU [under the Satan] crucified but whom GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

**Acts 3.15**—YOU [under the Satan] killed the author of life, but GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.



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**Romans 8.31-39 (REB)**—With all this in mind, what are we to say? If God is on our side, who is against us? He did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all; how can he fail to lavish every other gift upon us? Who will bring a charge against those whom God has chosen? Not God, who acquits! Who will pronounce judgement? Not Christ, who died, or rather rose again; not Christ, who is at God's right hand and pleads our cause!\* Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? . . . I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, **IN THE REALM OF SPIRITS OR SUPERHUMAN POWERS**, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, **IN THE FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE**, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that **CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Matthew 5.44-48**—But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous . . .

**Luke 9.22-27**—And Jesus said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it . . .

**John 18.11**—Jesus commanded Peter, “Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?”

**Matthew 20:22, 23**—“You don't know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup . . .”

**Romans 16.20**—The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

**John 1.5**—The light continually shines in the darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it.

**Luke 23.34**—But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

**Acts 7.60**—Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

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John 3.16-17—For God so loved the world that he sent his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him [follows him] shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



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