

Jesus The Mega Star

Wish all a very happy and blessed Easter and welcome to all of you and to those here for the very first time.

SLIDE 1 : Jesus Christ Mega Star

Easter is the most exciting and important day for Christians around the world. Our faith and our Christianity would be in vain if not for Resurrection Sunday. If there is one differentiating fact between Christianity and others religions, it is resurrection Sunday - it is because Jesus Christ not only died for our sins but was raised from the dead for us too. This is why following Jesus is exciting because Jesus is alive in you and me.

We sang, Hallelujah! Jesus is Alive, death has lost its victory and that is a song of victory over satanic forces and over the power of sin and death.

Some of you may have recognised that the song we sang earlier was from Jesus Christ Super Star and today I want to expand on why Jesus was more than a super star, He was a Mega mega Star.

Slide 2 : Madonna/Jackson/Prince

When someone calls himself a super star the focus is all about the person. It is very self centred. The Super Star is saying, " look at me, look at what a genius I am" and super stars live in the lap of luxury because they take whatever they can from the fans and make a killing and live extravagant lives in luxury houses.

Slide 3: Beckham's House.

Slide 4: Jesus in manger.

Let's look at Jesus, he was born in a smelly stable where animals were kept. His life style was a very simple life style. He did not live in the lap of luxury. He did not come to pump himself up. He actually came to lay down his life for you and me. Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil (1 John 3:8)

So when you read some of the lyrics of the song we sang there are some fundamental errors in the way Jesus is typified and I want to present to you the real Jesus Christ - The Mega Star.

Isaiah the prophet who lived 400 yrs before Christ was born said in **chap 53: 2-4** *He grew up in his presence like a young tree, like a root out of dry ground. He had no form or majesty that would make us look at him. He had nothing in his appearance that would make us desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by people. He was a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering. He was despised like one from whom people turn their faces, and we didn't consider him to be worth anything. 4 He certainly has taken upon himself our suffering(sickness/disease) and carried our sorrows(pain), but we thought that God had wounded him, beat him, and punished him.*

God did not wound, beat or punish him, we did! It was because of our sinful state that Jesus came leaving all He had as we read in *Philippians 2:6-11* *Jesus, who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, 7 but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. 8 And he humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross. 9 Yet it was because of this that God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name which is above every other name, that at the **name of Jesus** every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Is Jesus a Mega Star or not? Who else in all of the universe had done anything even close to this? Jesus could have called down legions of angels to rescue him (Matt 26:53) from going through being beaten and his flesh torn apart but it was for this purpose that Jesus came.

John 3:16 tells us that God because of his great love for humanity gave his Son so that whoever will believe in Him will not perish or die but have everlasting life. God gave his most precious gift. Jesus was not sent to condemn us but save us from sin and the effects of sin which plagued humanity.

Jesus gives you hope and a way out of your situation with no strings attached except that you follow Him. There are so many other scriptures I can show why Jesus came and what he did for us but that will require more time. Jesus said in John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness- Mega Jesus Christ!

Are you looking for purpose and meaning in life? Have you suffered at the hands of the thief Satan whose purpose is to steal, kill, destroy?

it is futile to keep doing the same thing and expect a different result and often in our lives we keep repeating the same life style expecting a change and it never comes but today all that can change as you give room to the Mega Star Jesus Christ who gave up everything for you.

If you desire a life that is fruitful then come to the only person who can make it happen- Jesus. The bottom line is that we have all sinned so we have something in common and we need a Saviour to fix us. After all if we were able to fix ourselves then this world would be a better place right? Neither you nor I can fix ourselves but Jesus can... because he formed you and made you and values you.

So what are you going to do with Jesus the Mega Star? Is it going to be just another good Easter Sunday sermon and chocolates and Easter Bunny or will this be your day to experience this amazing person Jesus for yourself? I'm not asking you to join our church or do anything weird, all I am asking you to do is give Jesus a chance to change your life and your situation for the better.

How many are determined to do something different today?

I am going to pray a simple prayer which you can repeat after me. The bible tells us that we have to acknowledge that we have sinned and repent (change your mind) of all sin and ask Jesus to forgive us.