

The Five
CROSSES

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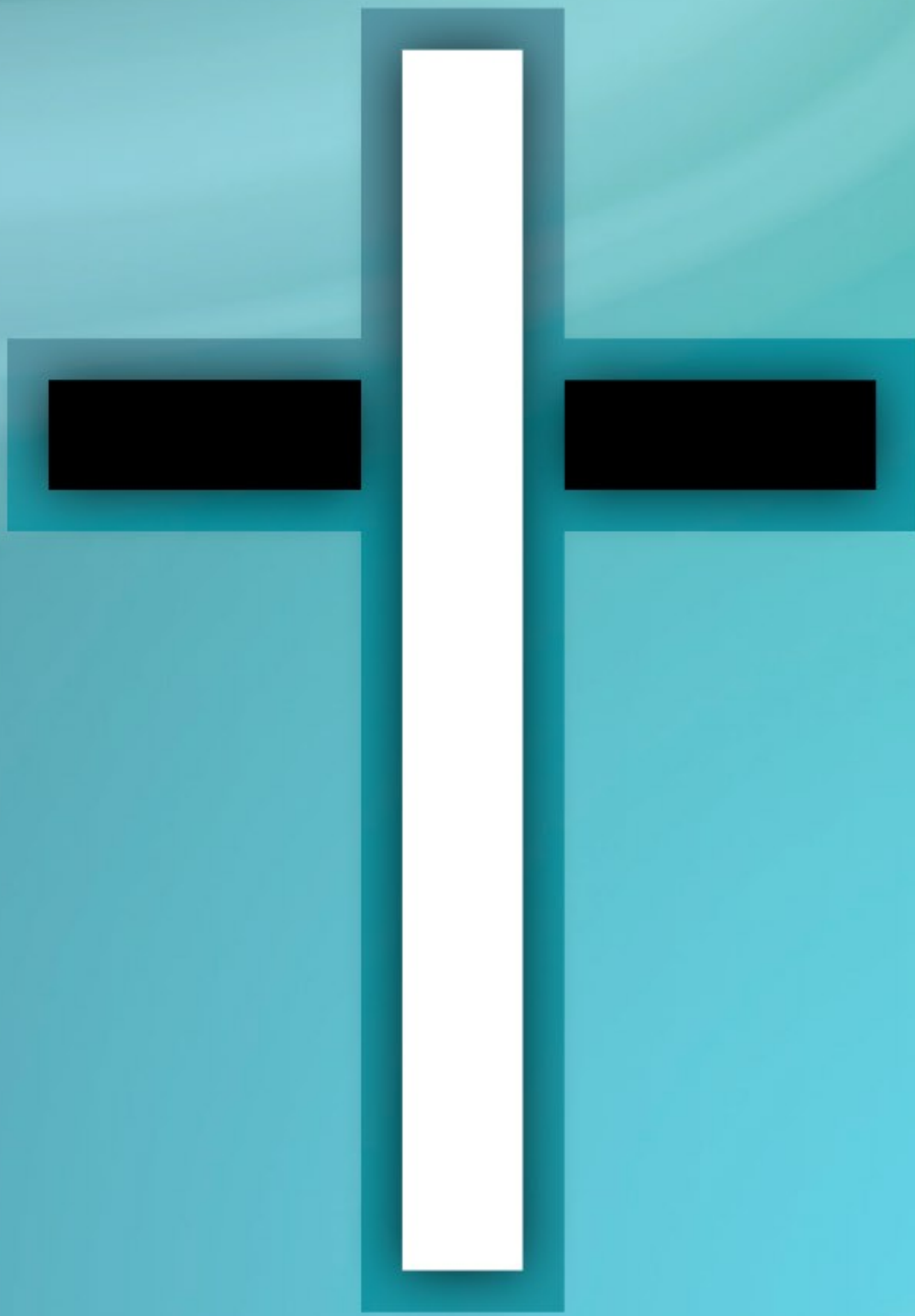


The Symbol of the Cross

The cross is the most recognized symbol in the world. Why is the cross so widely recognized and celebrated, hanging around people's necks or tattooed on their bodies?

The answer is the Person who died on the cross. God sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins so we could have an abundant and eternal life!

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

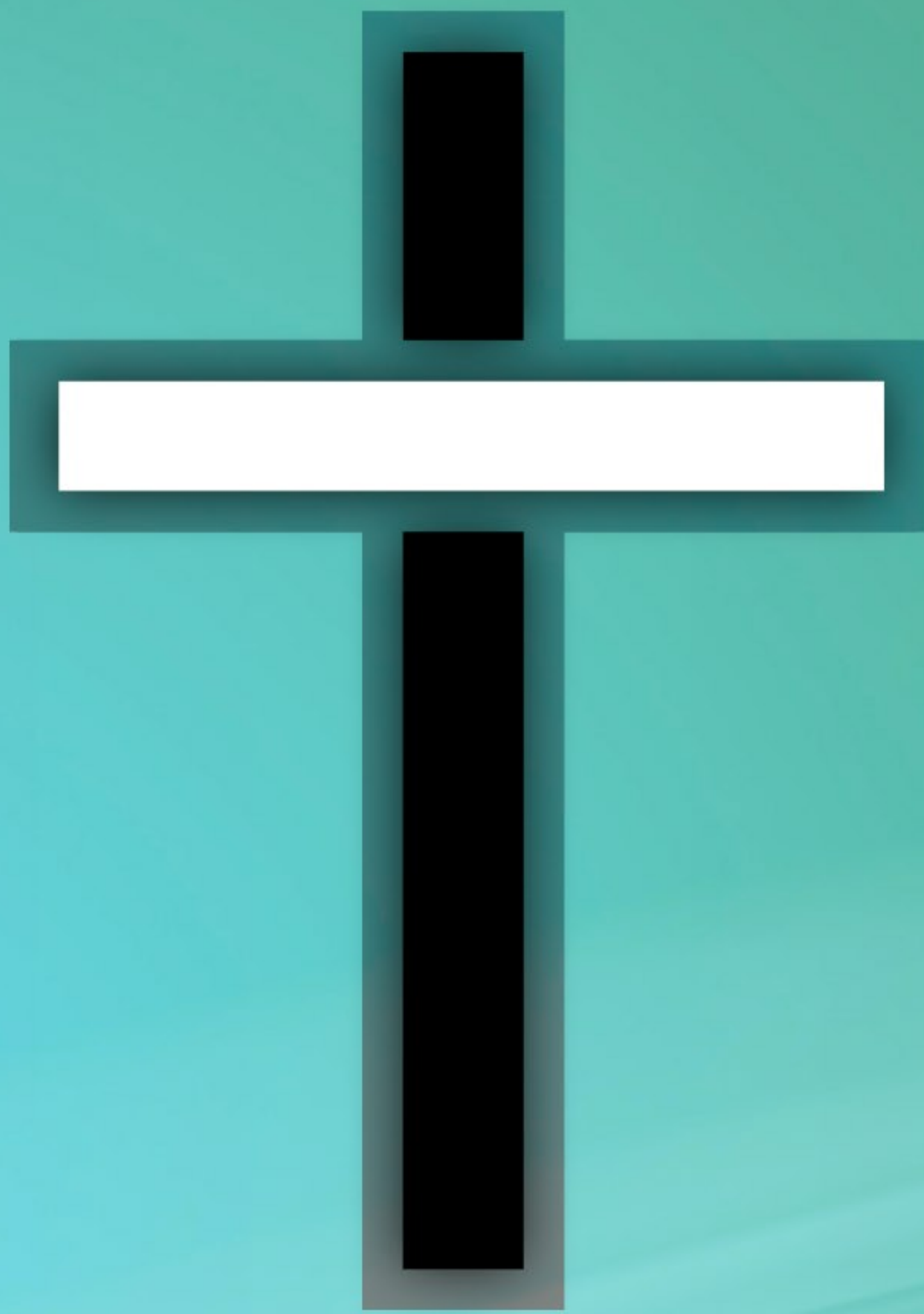


The Vertical Beam

Notice it has a vertical line intersected by a horizontal line. The vertical represents our relationship with God. God loves us, is for us, and wants us to know Him.

All religions are man's way to reach God, but in Christianity God reaches down to us. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world and arose from the dead so we could have life.

Romans 5:8 states,
"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us."



The Horizontal Beam

The horizontal speaks to our relationship with one another. God created us as social beings to be in relationship with others and to have peace with our fellow man. When we are rightly related to God through Christ then we are empowered to love and forgive based on the love and forgiveness we have received from God. Jesus told us the two greatest commandments are to love God and love each other.

Matthew 22:39 states, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



The Story

The message of the cross changes lives.

The same God who changed lives in the Bible changed my life.

Like the man in John 9:25, I too can say, “One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

What’s your story?



Salvation's Call

This fifth cross points to you and your relationship with God. God loves you. He invites you to believe in His Son and turn from your sins.

Romans 10:9 states,

“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Can I help you call upon the name of Jesus for your salvation?

Pray a prayer like this:

Dear God,
I know that I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

What's Next?

1. Pray
2. Read the Bible
3. Share what God has done
4. Attend Bible-Teaching Church