

## **Jesus Centre Bible Class**

**Easter Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2008**

### **Topic: The death and resurrection**

#### **Introduction:**

Many people celebrate Easter without an understanding of its purpose. They think it is time to give Easter eggs and chocolates to friends and dress in certain colors. There are churches that will not eat meat for a certain period, as they prepare for Easter. The only sad thing is that many of the people that engage in this practice have not fully understood the purpose for which Christ suffered, died and rose.

I am sure if only a tenth of the people that celebrate this season have an understanding and an experience of the purpose of Easter, this world will be a transformed world.

God's purpose in letting Jesus die such a humiliating death was to take our place. "Jesus died the death that was supposed to be ours". God also raised him up in order to justify us. The moment we know this truth we will not suffer like the people of the world. The best way to celebrate this season is to extend God's love to others who aren't saved. God is depending on us to help the world to know the true meaning of Easter and also experience the salvation, healing and deliverance that comes through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

#### **Discussion guide:**

- 1. What was the purpose of the death of Jesus  
(Rom 4:25, Heb 9:22, Gal 3:13-14 Rom5:9-10)**

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- 2. Discuss the benefits of the resurrection of Christ according to the following passages  
(1 Pet 1:3, Rom 8:11, Phil 3:10' Eph 2:5-6)**

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- 3. Discuss the different understandings people have of Easter. What does this season mean to you and how can we best celebrate it?**