

## Why Jesus?

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“Christianity is first and foremost about relationships rather than rules. It is about a Person more than a philosophy. It is about the most important relationship of all – our relationship with the God who made us. Jesus said that the first and greatest commandment is to love God. The second is to love our neighbor. So, it is also about relationships with other people.”<sup>1</sup>

“Aristotle Onassis, who was one of the richest men in the world, said at the end of his life, “Millions do not always add up to what a man needs out of life.”<sup>2</sup>

“Jesus said, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35). He is the only one who can satisfy our deepest hunger because He is the one who makes it possible for our relationship with God to be restored.”<sup>3</sup>

“As Albert Camus once said, “Man cannot live without meaning.”<sup>4</sup>

“Our greatest need, in fact, is for forgiveness...those who recognize their need are far better off than those who are lulled into a false sense of security.”<sup>5</sup>

“Dostoevsky, himself a Christian, said, “I believe there is no one lovelier, deeper, more sympathetic and more perfect than Jesus. I say to myself, with jealous love, that not only is there no one else like him but there could never be anyone like him.”<sup>6</sup>

“...the New Testament makes it clear that there was something worse for Jesus than the physical and emotional pain; this was the spiritual anguish of being separated from God as He carried all of our sins.”<sup>7</sup>

“Jesus said He died...because He loved us and did not want us to have to pay the penalty for all the things we had done wrong.”<sup>8</sup>

“On the cross Jesus took the penalty in our place so that we could be totally forgiven and our guilt could be taken away.”<sup>9</sup>

“Jesus said that “everyone who sins is a slave to sin” (John 8:34). Jesus died to set us free from that slavery. On the cross, the power of this addiction was broken.”<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 7.

<sup>2</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 8.

<sup>3</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 9.

<sup>4</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 10.

<sup>5</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 11.

<sup>6</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 13.

<sup>7</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 15.

<sup>8</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 16.

<sup>9</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 17.

<sup>10</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 17.

“Death is not the end for those whom Jesus has set free. Rather it is the gateway to heaven, where we will be free from even the presence of sin.”<sup>11</sup>

“When His Spirit comes to live within us, He gives us a new freedom. Freedom to know God...Freedom to love...Freedom to change.”<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 17-18.

<sup>12</sup> Gumbel, Nicky. *Why Jesus?* (Naperville, IL: Alpha North America, 2008), 18-19.