

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The Man Who Came Back to Life!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: JESUS HAS POWER OVER EVERYTHING

BIG IDEA

Nothing is too hard for Jesus - not even death itself! When God's people pray, He can do miracles so big that even those who fight against Him become His greatest friends.

THE STORY

Far across the ocean, in a quiet village in China, there lived a man who did not like the gospel one bit. In fact, he fought against it!

Whenever people talked about Jesus, this man argued and tried to stop them. He was a strong opponent of the good news.

But the believers in that village did not give up. They belonged to a group called the True Jesus Church, and they loved Jesus with all their hearts. They kept praying and kept being kind, even to people who didn't agree with them.

Then one day, something shocking happened. The man who had been fighting against the gospel suddenly died. Just like that, he was gone.

The whole village was stunned and sad.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

The believers heard the news. And instead of saying, 'Well, he never liked us anyway,' they did something amazing. They asked, 'May we pray for him?' And the family said yes.

So the believers gathered around. They began to pray to the only One who has power over life and death - Jesus! They prayed, and they kept on praying, trusting God to do what only God can do.

Time passed. The believers kept praying. And then... a miracle! The man who had been dead began to breathe again. His eyes opened. He REVIVED! He came back to life!

Can you imagine the wonder in that village? The man who had died was alive again! Everyone knew that no doctor and no medicine had done this. It was the mighty power of Jesus, just like in the Bible!

This time, the man's heart was completely changed. He gave his whole life to the Lord. He was baptized in the name of Jesus, and he received the Holy Spirit, just like the believers in the book of Acts!

The man who had once fought against the gospel now became one of its strongest witnesses! He told everyone who would listen about the Jesus who had given him his life back. What a turnaround!

This true story is one of several 'back-to-life' testimonies kept in the True Jesus Church's own history. It reminds us that Jesus is alive and powerful, and nothing - not even death - is too hard for Him!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- This true story comes from China, the country with the most people living in it of any nation on Earth!
- The True Jesus Church began in China in 1917 and grew to have millions of believers who baptize in Jesus' name.
- This account is one of several 'raised from the dead' testimonies recorded in the True Jesus Church's own history collection.
- In the Bible, Jesus raised several people from the dead, including a man named Lazarus (John 11) and a widow's son (Luke 7)!

MEMORY VERSE

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. How did the man feel about the gospel at the beginning of the story?
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- 2** When the man died, what surprising and kind thing did the believers choose to do?

- 3** Why do you think the man's heart changed so completely after his miracle?

- 4** This story shows that nothing is too hard for Jesus. What is a hard thing you can trust Jesus to help you with?

- 5** The believers were kind even to someone who fought against them. How can you be kind to someone who isn't always nice to you?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, You are alive, and You have power over everything, even death! Thank You that nothing is too hard for You. Help me to trust You with the hard things in my life, and help me to be kind to everyone, even people who are unkind to me. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Act out the story! With your class or family, take turns playing the parts: the man who didn't believe, the praying believers, and the joyful village. End by celebrating the miracle. Then talk together about other times in the Bible when Jesus showed He has power over death.

