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CrossRoad song discussions

Saviour Jesus

There's a Light album

Track 12

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This song began after I read Mark's gospel one year. Seeing how Jesus lived - the miracles, the teachings, the compassion for people... it just blew my mind all over again. And so the chorus came spilling out.

The rest of the song became the story of Jesus - how he reconciled us to the unreachable Father; how he fulfills our desires; how he gave himself up for us so that we can be friends with God and not enemies.

I hope that this study will give you a sense of the *greatness* of Jesus our Saviour, and the *depth* of his love for you and I.

Listen to the song (words on the next page)
Then work through these questions:

Verse 1

- "Far far away, beyond the galaxies, the God of all the world sat on his throne"
 - How do you picture God? As an old white man with a long beard? Or another way?
 - Read Isaiah 6:1-4.
 - What does "the train of his robe filled the temple" mean?
 - **Do you have a sense of the size and splendor of God?**
- All creation trembled at his mighty name, the most glorious King the world had ever known"
 - Read Psalm 96:9.
 - **Should we still tremble before God?**
- This God, indescribable... this God, unreachable
 - The God of the Old Testament was *removed* from the world. He stayed in heaven and reigned from above.
 - **Does God still seem unreachable to you?**

Verse 2

- "Then one glorious day a child was born, a humble boy who grew into a man"
 - Read Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23.
 - God, instead of being distant, now came into the world as a person. **God with us!**
 - At the end of this verse Jesus is described as "God in human skin". **How does this great truth affect our lives today?**

- “And in the hills of Galilee he changed the world with love and with forgiveness in his hand”
 - Jesus showed us that God is *love* and that God offers *forgiveness*.
 - **In your experience, does the church offer the same love and forgiveness to people as Jesus did?**
 - **Do you?**
- “This man, God in human skin, this man saves us from our sin”
 - Read Matthew 1:21.
 - **What does “save us from our sins” mean?** Do you feel that Jesus has done this in your life?

Chorus

- “He walked on water, he calmed the thunder, he caused the sun to rise and fall”
 - **Do you find it easy to believe in the miracles Jesus performed?**
 - What would it have been like to *be there* when Jesus did these things? Would that have given you more faith?
- He touched the lepers and healed the sinners
 - Jesus had great compassion for the outcasts. **How can you and follow His example and touch the outcasts in our community?**
- And He died for one and all
 - **Why did Jesus have to die for our sins?** Wasn’t there another way he could have saved us?
- And though there’s darkness all around us He’s the Light that shines within
 - Jesus referred to himself as the Light of the world (John 8:12). **How do you find Jesus to be your light?**
 - Jesus goes on to say that we are now the light of the world (Matt 5:14). **How do we shine his light into our world?**
- Son of man, Son of God, Saviour Jesus
 - Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man. **What do you think that means?**
 - Many people in the Gospels saw Jesus as the Son of God. **How can Jesus be both God himself, and the Son of God?**

Verse 3

- “Deep in my heart, there’s an emptiness. I’ve tried and tried again to fill it in. But nothing seems to last more than a day or two. And then I feel deserted all again.”
 - **What ways do you try to fill the emptiness in your heart?**
 - Read Jeremiah 2:13. **What do you think Jeremiah is saying about our hearts?**
- “But this man, this man from Galilee. He can, He can comfort me”
 - Read John 6:35.

- Jesus says that only *He* can bring us true fulfillment.
- **Is it truly possible for us to never be hungry or thirsty, when we come to Jesus?** How?

Chorus 2

Verse 4

- “So come to the cross and see the nails, the God of all the universe lying still”
 - Note the contrast between this and the first line of the song.
- “The sins of all the world piled upon Him there”
 - Read 1 Peter 2:24. **What does “he bore our sins” mean?**
- “The prophecies of ages all fulfilled”
 - Jesus fulfilled so many prophecies from the Old Testament.
 - Read Isaiah 53:3-11 for a famous prophecy that Jesus fulfilled.
- “And now, we’re no longer condemned”
 - This is the high point of the song! Instead of condemnation from a high-up God, we can find grace from Jesus.
 - Read Romans 8:1.
 - **What do you have to do to qualify for this?**
- “And now, our God became our friend”
 - The great God on His throne is now our friend, because of what Jesus did.
 - Read John 15:15.
 - **Do you consider God to be your friend? How can he be both friend and king?**

Chorus 3

Listen to the song again, thinking about the words.

Key focus: What main point are you going to take away from today?

For the week ahead:

- Am I *amazed* by Jesus today?
- Am I *grateful* for forgiven sin?
- Am I *thankful* for the Cross?
- How can I shine His *Light* into my world?
- How can I pursue *fulfillment* in Jesus?
- Do I see God as both friend and King?

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