

“Simply Christianity”

(Points below taken from *Simply Christianity* by John Dickson)

Christianity... As the word suggests, ‘Christianity’ is all about a person, Jesus Christ. In fact, Christianity could be defined as responding appropriately to Jesus Christ.

The Christ... As the *Christ*, Jesus possessed the authority of God himself. He had the authority to speak for God, the authority to heal people, the authority to hand out God’s forgiveness, and the authority to lead people.

The Savior... Jesus was given another title besides Christ; he was also called *Savior* which means rescuer. Jesus’ mission as the rescuer involved finding and rescuing people who had distanced themselves from God and were condemned by his just wrath.

The Sacrifice... Jesus accomplished his rescue mission by willingly sacrificing his life to take upon himself the judgment we deserve.

The Resurrection... Jesus’ resurrection is proof that he is the Christ and the Savior. The fact that he has been raised from the dead, demands that we respond to him. Jesus expects our response to take the form of repentance and seeking forgiveness.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. Have you responded appropriately to Jesus Christ?**
- 2. Why is Jesus’ resurrection so important Christianity?**
- 3. Why did Jesus need to die to rescue us?**

(Scripture Reading/Meditation Assignment: Exodus 20)