

Easter - A Simple, Stick Figure Guide

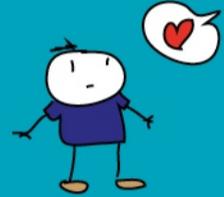


The Easter Story starts at the beginning: a perfect world that we had been given

It came with instructions of how to live well, but people said 'no' and they bid God farewell



Respecting their freedom, God withdrew his hand and that was when suffering first entered the land



But God did not leave them to wither and die, He loved them, those rebels (that's you and I)

So he put together a big rescue package, and sent it to us, not by email or message ...

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[Isaiah 59, The Bible, The Message Translation: 'The Lord isn't too weak to save you. And he isn't getting deaf! He can hear you when you call! But the trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God ... Our wrongdoings pile up: Mocking and denying God, not following our God. ...

He came down in person, to tell us what's right, to fix a few things, and to show us the light



He showed up the proud, and befriended the humble, and that is when he ended up in some trouble

The people he came to save, spat in his face, condemned him to die in a criminal's place

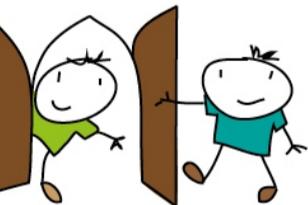


... Justice is beaten back, Honesty is nowhere to be found, anyone renouncing evil is beaten. God couldn't believe what he saw: not a soul around to correct this awful situation. So he did it himself]

But God knew his plan, He had come here to die, in one great exchange he would pay for our crimes,



with crazy, outrageous, pure love at great cost, he bought our forgiveness, and heaven for the lost



But that's half the story, there's no room for more, so pop into church to find out the score

Come along to our Easter service

Sunday 5 April, 10.30am

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