

Illustrated Message – X-Sinner

Actors

Jamie - sinner
Gabriel – an angel
Street Evangelist

Description of Jamie;

- A 25 year old drug addict and dealer
- A violent individual with a history of violent crimes, well known by the town law enforcement.
- He was raised without any religious background and has no interest for the Christian community in town.
- The Christian community has rejected him because of his lifestyle and sees him as a hell-bound sinner and have given up on preaching and witnessing to him.
- He knows he's a sinner and knows that he's hell-bound, he's given himself over to doing bad rather than good. He doesn't want to change.

Scene

JAMIE IS COMING OUT OF A BAR IN A MEAN MOOD COCKING HIS GUN

Jamie

They are so dead! I am going to take them all out! I can't believe they did this.

HE MEETS UP WITH A STREET EVANGELIST WHO CALMS HIM DOWN. HE CLEARLY SHARES THE GOSPEL WITH HIM, LETTING HIM KNOW HOW MUCH JESUS LOVES HIM AND CAN CHANGE HIS LIFE. HE EXPLAINS TO HIM HOW TO RECEIVE JESUS BECAUSE JAMIE DOESN'T WANT TO AT THE MOMENT.

Evangelist

You know, it's appointed to man to die once, and then judgement.

Jamie

Well, surely I'll be judged and sent straight to hell man!

Evangelist

God so loved you, that He gave his only Son to die on a cross for your sins and that if you'd believe in Him, you wouldn't perish and spend an eternity in hell, separated from Him, but you'd have eternal life.

Jamie

Ah man, if you only knew my life and what I'm about to do! Everyone has given up on me, I've even given up on myself, there's no hope for me. I deserve to spend eternity in hell for everything I've done and am going to do.

Evangelist

I know who you are Jamie. It's not God's will that spend eternity in hell, separated from Him. Jesus took your sin when He died for you and now, and now just by faith in receiving Him as your Saviour, you can have the assurance of eternal life if you died today.

Jamie
(Overwhelmed)

You know every preacher in this town has given up on me. Do you really believe that I could become a Christian?

Evangelist
Yup, can I pray for you?

Jamie
Ya, go ahead. Something's got to change in my life.

Evangelist
I'm going to lead you in a prayer, just repeat these words after me. Jesus, I'm a sinner, I believe You died for my sins, You rose from the dead and that You sent the comforter – the Holy Spirit, to comfort me today. I receive You Jesus into my heart. Forgive me for my sins.

JAMIE REPEATS THE PRAYER

Evangelist
All your sins are forgiven, as far as the east if from the west, Jesus has removed your sins.

Jamie
(Tears in his eyes)
Thank you. I was about to commit a murder with this gun.
(He hands him the gun)
Take this gun preacher, I don't need it any more.

Scene

JAMIE WALKS OFF AND GETS ON HIS MOTORCYCLE AND IS SHOT AND KILLED BY ANOTHER RIVAL DRUG DEALER.

Scene

AN ELEVATOR WITH AN INDIVIDUAL INSIDE RUNNING IT; IT'S THE ANGEL GABRIEL. JAMIE IS APPROACING THE DOOR DISORIENTATED, NOT KNOWING WHERE HE IS. THE DOOR OPENS AND HE ENTERS.

Jamie
Man, I was just shot. Where's the blood? I was just lying in my own blood. Where am I? Am alive or dead?

(The words of the evangelist ring in his mind, "it's appointed unto a man to die once and then judgement")

THE ELEVATOR DOORS CLOSES

Gabriel

You're dead Jamie. You were shot. Now it's appointed to you to go to the judgment seat of God in heaven, to be judged and to see if your name is in the Book of Life.

Jamie

Oh my goodness! There's no way I'm going to make it into heaven.... I have committed so many sins, violent crimes, murders that I wasn't charged on and destroyed so many lives through drug dealing. Surely I am on my way to hell, I've always believed that. Unless the prayer I prayed before I died was really true?

Gabriel

Well, we're here.

ELEVATOR DOOR OPENS

Jamie

(Overwhelmed by the perfect peace and serenity)

Oh wow.....this is sooooo cool. I absolutely never thought heaven would be like this!

Gabriel

(Pointing to another angel who is there when the doors open)

This is Michael, another angel, and he'll take you right ahead to those doors, and through them you'll see Jesus Christ and he'll judge you.

JAMIE WALKS OFF WITH THE ANGEL

LATER AFTER HE IS JUDGED, JAMIE COMES BACK TO THE ELEVATOR

Jamie

Wow, I was forgiven for ALL my sins. He knew all my crimes. But because that prayer I prayed prior to dying and received Jesus into my life, I don't have to spend eternity in hell! I'm a son of God!

Gabriel

That's right Jamie, forgiven! All because of what Jesus did for you when you invited Him into your heart when you prayed that prayer. Now, let's go see the place he's prepared for you in heaven!

THE ELEVATOR DOOR OPENS

Jamie

OVERWHELMED BY THE BEAUTY OF HEAVEN AND FULL OF JOY, HE STEPS OFF THE ELEVATOR ONTO THE STREET OF GOLD.

(This is a fiction script based upon the Bible scriptures – July 19th, 2015)

Bible Verses:

Hebrews 9:27, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

Luke 23:39-42, “One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when you come in Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

Ephesians 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”

John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father but by me”.

II Corinthians 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Romans 10:9, “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Matthew 19:25-26, “When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 3:23-26, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

Revelation 12:21, “The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”

Revelation 20:15, “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”