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The message at the heart of Christianity is really quite simple—simple enough to be outlined in a few pages. It is a message from the Bible about God and his son, Jesus. It is about life and death, and the choice that we all face.

And it all starts with a loving creator God ...





1

God is the loving ruler of the world.

He made the world.

He made us rulers of the world under him.



*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.*

Revelation chapter 4, verse 11

But is that the way it is now?





**t**he first point of the Christian message is that God is in charge of the world. He is the ruler, the supreme president, the king. Unlike human rulers, however, God always does what is best for his subjects. He is the kind of king you'd like to be ruled by.

God rules the world because he made the world. Like a potter with his clay, God fashioned the world into just the shape he wished, with all its amazing details. He made it, and he owns it.

He also made us. God created people who were something like himself, and put them in charge of the world—to rule it, to care for it, to be responsible for it, and to enjoy all its beauty and goodness. He appointed humanity to supervise and look after the world, but always under his own authority, honouring him and obeying his directions.

You can see this represented in the illustration above: God is the ruler (the crown) and humanity is created to live in and rule God's world under God's loving authority.

It all sounds rather ideal—God in heaven, people ruling the world according to his directions, and everything right with the world. But everything is very obviously not right—with us or the world.



2

We all reject the ruler—God—by trying to run life our own way without him.

But we fail to rule ourselves or society or the world.



*There is no-one righteous, not even one; there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God. All have turned away.*

**Romans chapter 3, verses 10-12**

What will God do about this rebellion?