



Do you know Guru Jesus?

Do you want to know more about guru Jesus?

The word "guru" comes from Sanskrit. "Gu" means "darkness" or "ignorance" and "ru" means "remover". A guru is "the one who removes our darkness or ignorance and bring us into light or truth". Many people seek the help of a guru for spiritual guidance. Who is your guru? Let me tell you why Jesus is my guru.

Jesus can lead me from darkness to light.



Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God gave a promise to the nation of Israel. That someone will come to earth, who will lead them out of darkness.

The people who are now living in darkness will see a great light. They are now living in a very dark land. But a light will shine on them. (Isaiah 9:2)

When Jesus came into the world, the bible writers recognized that he was that light promised hundreds of years ago. (Matthew 4:16) Jesus himself taught that he was the light that has come into the world.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will never walk in darkness. They will have the light that leads to life." (John 8:12)

Jesus had deep spiritual wisdom even from an early age. When he was twelve, his parents brought him to the temple and saw that he was sitting with the teachers and asking them questions.

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. (Luke 2:46-47)

When Jesus reached adulthood and began his ministry, the people were wowed by his teaching.

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. (Matthew 7:28-29)

Jesus is a powerful guru



Jesus did many miracles while He was on earth. These miracles proved that he was from God. When the apostle Peter addressed the crowd, he said this:

Fellow Israelites, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man whose credentials God proved to you through miracles, wonders, and signs, which God performed through him among you. (Acts 2:22)

What are some of the miracles that Jesus performed?

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” (Mark 1:23-27)

In this miracle, Jesus demonstrated that he has authority over demons.

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!” (Matthew 8:23-27)

In this miracle, Jesus demonstrated that he has authority over the forces of nature.

Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” (John 11:43-44)

In this miracle, Jesus demonstrated that he has authority over death.

Jesus is a moral and compassionate guru

We expect our gurus to have the highest moral and ethical standards. Jesus fulfilled these requirements completely because he led a sinless life.

Jesus said in John 8:29, “The One who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what pleases him.”

Jesus even challenged his accusers saying, “Can any of you prove me guilty of sin?” (John 8:46)

Even Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor who was pressured by the Jews to crucify Jesus said, “I’m bringing him out to you to let you know that I don’t find this man guilty of anything.” (John 19:4)

We also want our guru to have compassion and to empathize with our needs. Jesus was moved by compassion when he served the people.



When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. (Matthew 14:14)

His compassion also prompted him to teach his followers and feed them. He showed compassion even to sinners. (Luke 7:13, Mark 6:34, Mark 8:2-3)

Speaking about Jesus, the Bible says, “we don’t have a high priest who can’t sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

Jesus dedicated his whole life to serving others

The guru that we follow should be one that is totally devoted to serving others and not accumulating wealth through his followers.

Jesus led a poor life. He borrowed a boat so that he could preach in it. He borrowed food and multiplied it in order to feed the crowd. On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into town on a borrowed donkey. When Jesus died, he was buried in a borrowed tomb.

Most of Jesus' material needs, as well as those of his disciples, were met by support from a group of people who accompanied him during his ministry. (Luke 8:1-3)

The Bible tells us that when Jesus travelled from place to place, he did not have proper accommodation.

Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes. Birds of the air have nests. But the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." (Luke 9:58)

By leading a simple and selfless life, Jesus demonstrated that his only motivation was to serve others and not for personal gain.

Jesus also led a celibate life. Although there were many women that followed Jesus on his ministry, he did not marry any of them. He devoted himself entirely to serving people.

Jesus takes away our bad karma

Hindus try to get close to God by living a virtuous life, practicing the teachings of the Vedas, showing kindness to others and so on.

Jesus taught that instead of relying on our own merits, we should go to God in humility, acknowledging that God is the only One that can save us.

In Luke 18: 9–13, Jesus said: To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

No matter how virtuous a life we live, no human being can say that he has led a 100% pure life and therefore is worthy of God's acceptance.

A man once had a discussion with his friend on whether God should accept us if we lead a good life. During the conversation, his friend offered him a glass of water. But before he could drink it, his friend put a drop of ink into the water. Of course, this man refused to drink the water because it contained a drop of ink. "Why don't you drink it?", his friend asked, "This water is 99% pure. It only contains 1% of impurities." At that moment, this man understood. As a human being, we would not even accept 1% of impurity. How can we expect God to accept us simply because our good deeds outweigh our bad deeds and we are "only" 49% impure? God's standard cannot be so much lower than ours.

When Jesus' disciples asked him, "Who then can be saved?", Jesus told them, "With man this is impossible but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:25–26) We can never live a 100% pure life to gain God's acceptance.

The Bible says in Romans 3:23: For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Just like the Hindu concept of karma, the Bible also teaches us that sins have consequences. Sin brings bad karma. The Bible speaks about sin very seriously.

Romans 6:23 tells us that "the payment for sin is death."

People try to overcome their bad karma with good karma. That is like pouring more clean water into the glass of water that already contained a drop of ink. No matter how much clean water we pour in, we can't get rid of the impurities. That's why Hinduism talks about the many cycles of birth and rebirth known as Samsara. The goal of the Hindu is to break the cycle of Samsara and achieve liberation, or moksha.

Jesus promised his followers liberation from sin. He said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)



Jesus paid the penalty of our sins so that we can be forgiven.

Jesus said, "This is my blood, the blood of the promise. It is poured out for many people so that sins are forgiven." (Matthew 26:28)

Through his death, Jesus took our bad karma upon himself. That doesn't mean that we are free to engage in sin without any consequences. When we break the law, we will be punished for our crime. When we lead an immoral lifestyle, there are physical and emotional consequences. However, through Jesus' death, sin no longer comes back to haunt us after we die because Jesus has already paid the penalty of our sins.

But that is not all. God is not just interested in taking away the punishment for our sin when we die, He wants us to enjoy the luxuries of heaven eternally with Him. Who can lead a life worthy of this great privilege? Through Jesus we can. Because Jesus not only took away our bad karma, he gives us his good karma. The Bible says that the righteousness of Jesus is being put on us.

God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

How do we have our bad karma removed and Jesus' good karma attributed to us? Jesus tells us that the only way is to put our faith in him and believe in him.

Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

We cannot earn salvation through our own effort and good deeds. The Bible says that "God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Jesus gives us assurance of salvation

If our next life is based on how we have lived this life, we will always be living in uncertainty. Have I done enough good to earn a better life after this one?

Jesus, however, taught that when we do not trust in ourselves but place our trust in him, we can have assurance of salvation.

When Jesus was at the cross, many people mocked him out of disbelief. But one of the criminals beside Jesus believed and said to him, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

The criminal had lived a life of crime. That was why he was crucified. And he had no more chance to do good deeds. Yet through his faith, Jesus promised him salvation and paradise.

Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24)

Jesus died and rose again



Gurus live their lives to serve the people. But which guru would die for them?

Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)

Jesus not only came to guide us, to show us how to get eternal life, he came to die for our sins. However, if Jesus were to remain dead, how do we know that what he has

taught us is true? Would you trust a man who taught you so much, yet could not authenticate his teachings?

When Jesus rose from the dead, he substantiated what he has taught his disciples. By demonstrating that he can conquer death, we can have the assurance that he can give us eternal life.

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 15:3-6: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time.

New Testament scholar N. T. Wright said, "These three great facts—the resurrection appearances, the empty tomb, and the origin of the Christian faith—all point unavoidably to one conclusion: The resurrection of Jesus."

After Jesus was crucified, his disciples were frightened and discouraged. They had every reason to be. The man who promised them eternal life was now dead. However, after they met the risen Jesus, they changed completely from being afraid to being bold. History tells us that 10 out of Jesus' original twelve disciples died as martyrs for their faith. Nobody would be willing to die for a lie that he has created.

If Jesus had remained dead, his promise of eternal life is not true. But Jesus rose from the dead and that sets Jesus apart from all other founders of religion.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith doesn't mean anything. Your sins have not been forgiven. Those who have died believing in Christ are also lost... But Christ really has been raised from the dead. He is the first of all those who will rise. (1 Corinthians 15:17, 18, 20)

Jesus is more than a guru

The main responsibility of gurus is show followers the way and teach them the truth. However, rather than just showing us the way, Jesus tells us that he IS the way. Rather than just showing us the truth, Jesus tells us that he IS the truth [Satya].

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

Jesus calls God his Father and says that he is the only way to God. Not only that, Jesus taught that he is one with the Father and that he is God.

In John 10:30, Jesus said, "I and the Father are one."

He even accepted worship from his followers.

Thomas (one of Jesus' disciples) said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:28-29)

Jesus is God in the flesh. Hundreds of years before Jesus came, God had prophesied that a child would be born, who would be God in the flesh.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity [i.e. Source of Eternity], Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Jesus left his heavenly glories and came down to earth as a human being in order to save us. Speaking of Jesus, the Bible writes:

In his very nature he was God. Jesus was equal with God. But Jesus didn't take advantage of that fact. Instead, he made himself nothing. He did this by taking on the nature of a servant. He was made just like human beings. He appeared as a man. He was humble and obeyed God completely. He did this even though it led to his death. Even worse, he died on a cross! (Philippians 2:6-8)

We want to follow Jesus because he is more than a Guru; he is the only way to God. Jesus is the Truth [Satya] (John 14:6), the Ultimate Reality. Jesus is also God. We must be willing to leave our allegiance to other gods and follow him only.

Receiving the gift of salvation [Moksha]



Salvation [Moksha] is a gift. But any gift will have to be accepted. If someone offers you a gift of 10,000 Rupees, it is not yours unless you accept it.

Are you willing to accept God's gift of salvation [Moksha]?
Are you willing to accept Jesus as your God and follow him only?

Jesus said in Revelation 3:20, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

Jesus is standing at the door of our heart and knocking. Are you willing to open the door and let him in? If so, why not say this simple prayer to accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour?

"Jesus, I acknowledge that I have sinned and I thank you for dying on the cross for me. I accept you as my Saviour and I do not trust in my own good deeds to save me. I believe that there is no other God but you. Please come into my life and make me a better person."

If you have said that prayer, you are now a Christian and a follower of Jesus Christ. A new life as a Christian awaits you and you would want to grow spiritually. Be sure to contact a church near you so that you can be part of the Christian family.