

Why Jesus trumps all - part 1

One of the great myths of this world is: Do enough good and I will receive good things in return.

**A month ago Instant Karma hit the headlines because a recruitment officer was traveling to work on tube – man pushed passed him and swore at him - at his first interview of the day the same man turned up for the interview! Instant Karma!

Karma is a concept shared across different Indian religious traditions – Hindu, Buddhist, Jain & Sikh.

- Good action or intent creates good Karma – bringing good reward in either this life or in our next life.
- Bad action or intent creates bad Karma.

**We have all had someone say to us they must have done something bad – everything seems to be going wrong!!

3 truths from God's Word:

1. We reap what we sow

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." Gal 6:7

2. God is God

"As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.² "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?"

³ "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him." John 9:1-3

²⁰ But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'"²¹ Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?" Rom 9:20-21

3. By receiving Jesus we get what we don't deserve – forgiveness

"...he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." Ps 103:10-13 NIV

"Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.¹⁴ He cancelled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross." Col 2:13-14

⁵ ...he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:5