



# Salvation Stories

**SALVATION IS A "BEFORE AND AFTER" EVENT!**

My name is Asraf Ali, and my life was once defined by the highest religious and intellectual achievements in Bangladesh. I was a **Mawlana**, an Islamic scholar and preacher who held the highest degrees in the Quran and the Islamic Social System. My respected position as Imam and Principal of the Al-Amin Jame Masjid and Madrasa Complex in Dhaka Cantonment was the pinnacle of my career.

## **The Scholar's Unbearable Crisis**

Despite my revered status, my moral rectitude, and the devotion of my followers, I was trapped in a crippling intellectual crisis.

The core tension was the absence of absolute certainty regarding my soul's fate. My entire religious life was based on the rigorous effort of a works-based system, yet my scholarly mind knew my efforts were finite and flawed. I was constantly anxious, striving, and measuring my deeds, realizing I could never achieve the perfection required for a certain guarantee. This internal lie became unbearable.

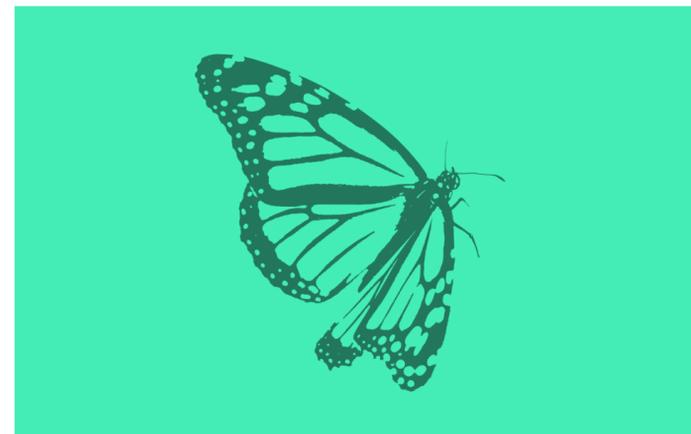
## **The Cost of Honesty, The Gain of Certainty**

To maintain my intellectual and moral integrity, I made the difficult decision to quit my esteemed post. I could no longer, in good conscience, lead a system that lacked this absolute guarantee. My resignation was emotional; the farewell brought tears to the eyes of my Muslim community attesting to the high regard I forfeited. I gave up my earnings, honor, and my entire professional and social standing to pursue a

truth that would not require me to hold myself to a lie. This personal sacrifice, which dissolved my former life and standing, was, in retrospect, simply counting all my earthly "gains" as "loss for Christ," as described in Philippians 3:7-11.

### **How I Accepted Jesus Christ: The Evidence Examined**

My scholarly search for verifiable truth took an immediate turn when I encountered an online platform, "Salvation for The Muslims - STM" (present Was It For Me - Bangladesh). My first contact was provoked by a video titled "3 Crosses. Only 2



Criminals." This challenged my long-held belief that Isa Masih (Jesus Christ) did not die. My initial inquiry was purely intellectual: "I never believed that Isa Masih died... I would like to know more about you and your faith. Would you help me?" To test their conviction, I approached them with the ultimate theological challenge: "Why is Jesus the only way to heaven? Why can't other religions be true too?"

Their gentle, clear response broke through my defenses. They presented a stark, inescapable choice: "**Either Jesus MUST be who He declares Himself to be, God the Son, or He must be the greatest deceiver who ever walked on earth.**"

I examined the evidence: no mere man spoke or performed the miraculous deeds Jesus did. The conclusion was forced upon me: Jesus had to be **God the Son**, the only One capable of paying the infinite cost of sin.

The **certainty** I found was rooted in two verses, which connected the claim to the exclusivity:

- **John 14:6:** "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." (The claim)
- **Acts 4:12:** "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name [Jesus Christ] under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (The exclusivity)

I was astonished. I had never had this kind of surety from anyone. The terror of a faith based on insufficient effort was replaced by a profound **peace**.

### **My Present Life: The Gift of Peace and JOY**

I have lost every single earthly position, but I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I feel **eternal peace, no more** pain from religious striving. I am happy in Christ and His family, even though I face earthly difficulties.

The greatest return is the **Gift of Peace**. This peace is recognized first between the individual and God, eliminating the fear of death and judgment. It also grants the power to become a "peacemaker," turning the believer into a "**pipeline of peace**" flowing out to others in a world desperately looking for significance, hope, and **JOY**.

I now continue my theological study through series like "Walking with Paul", Ashley Day's Gospel of John, Mark and different theological papers.

I know, with absolute certainty, that my life and eternity are secured not by my own efforts, but by the perfect and exclusive sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This certainty is my **JOY**, and it is available to everyone.

