



# Salvation Stories

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

My name is Nazrul Islam. I was born into a good, but fiercely radical Muslim family in Bangladesh. From the earliest age, my world was defined by the strict boundaries of our faith, where the name Isa Masih (Jesus Christ) was held in respect, yes, but always as a prophet, a historical figure, nothing more. The thought that He could be more was, frankly, a blasphemy.

When I was old enough, I joined the Battalion. The discipline, the structure, the service it all gave me a sense of purpose. But a uniform can't change what's inside, and a quiet restlessness persisted in my soul. I was searching for an absolute truth that my life's efforts couldn't quite deliver.

## **The Encounter on the Screen**

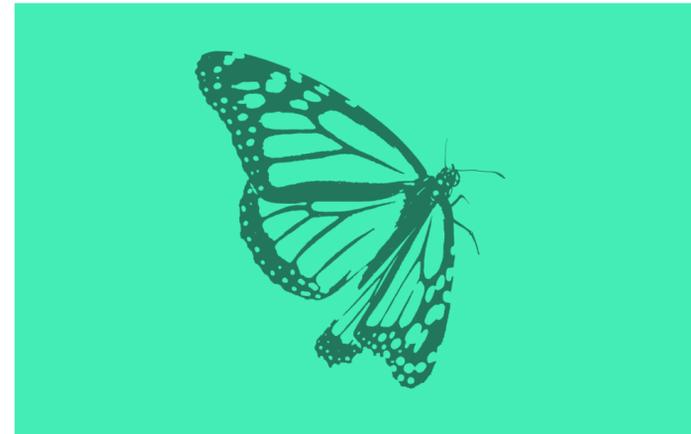
This search led me, several times, to a video from the WIFM - Bangladesh's Andrew + Philip's gathering, titled "To You Who is Jesus Christ?"

I must have watched it five or six times, and with each viewing, the ground beneath my feet felt like it was shifting. The video didn't just talk about a prophet; it spoke of the Promised Messiah and, impossibly, God Incarnate.

The words of the video were a direct challenge to everything I had ever believed:

- "Isa Masih is the Invisible God made visible." It quoted Colossians 1:15-17, arguing that He was the One who existed before all creation, the very power by whom all things were created and sustained. I realized the Jesus I respected was being presented as the Creator I worshipped.
- The miracles healing the sick, raising the dead were called irrefutable evidence of His deity. Not just impressive acts by a good man, but proof that He wasn't just the carpenter from Nazareth. He was divine.

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I thought of my years of struggle, of trying to earn God's favor through my deeds. The video offered something different.

## **The Choice of the Heart**

The final, compelling truth that broke through my pride and my family's tradition was the statement: "He is the Resurrection and the Life." He offers eternal life not through a system of works, but through belief in Him (John 11:25).

The video ended with a direct call to action, based on Romans 10:9-10: that salvation is found by making a personal choice. You must believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and confess with your mouth that He is Lord.

That night, lying on my bunk in the barracks, I didn't see Jesus as a distant prophet anymore. I saw Him as the living Christ, His hands stretched out. My radical background, my military service, my searching heart it all came down to this simple, revolutionary choice.

I confessed. I submitted. I gave up the pride that said I could find God on my own terms. I recognized His supreme authority.

Today, I still serve, but with an entirely new purpose. The true battle isn't with an enemy outside, but with the darkness inside, a battle Isa Masih, my Lord and God, has already won for me on the cross and in the resurrection. I am Nazrul, and I am saved by the Invisible God made visible.

