

Year Of The Tiger



The tiger is regarded as *the king of the jungle*, while the lion is *the king of animals*. Both belong to the cat family. It is academic to decide which is the more powerful. The Bible not only describes Jesus Christ as “the Lamb of God”¹, but also as “the Lion of the tribe of Judah”². This is for at least three reasons.

Firstly, Jesus Christ is the promised *Saviour of the world*. The prophets had foretold the coming of a Saviour. One prophecy was that He would be a king who descended from the tribe of Judah in Israel³. When Jesus Christ was born, wise men came from the east to worship Him⁴. Jesus Christ came to establish the rule of God⁵. Those who believe in Jesus Christ crown Him as King in their hearts⁶.

Secondly, Jesus Christ is *able to save all*, and the worst of sinners⁷. When wicked men nailed Him to death on the cross, they did not realise that it fulfilled God’s plan of salvation. By His death, Jesus Christ bore the punishment of sin for His people⁸. He rose from death on the third day, showing that His death has successfully paid for the sins of His people.

Thirdly, Jesus Christ will *judge the world*. When He returns, everyone will be resurrected to face the final judgement⁹. Those who have not trusted in Jesus Christ will have to bear the punishment of their own sins, which is everlasting damnation in hell. Those who have trusted in Jesus Christ will be taken to dwell on the new earth, in the new heavens, in which righteousness dwells¹⁰.

In this year of the tiger, will you find peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ? He is truly “the Lion of the tribe of Judah”!

1 Jn. 1:29; 2 Rev. 5:5; 3 Gen. 49:8-10; 4 Mt. 2:2, 6; 5 Mk. 1:14; 6 Lk. 17:21; 7 Heb. 7:25; 8 2 Cor. 5:21; 9 Mt. 24:31-46; 10 2 Pet. 3:10

虎年



老虎被称为森林之王，而狮子为万兽之王。两种皆是猫科动物。狮虎斗争不相上下，难分输赢。圣经称耶稣基督为“神的羔羊”¹ 也为“犹太支派中的狮子”²。这至少有三个原因。其一，耶稣基督是所应许的世人的救主。众先知已预言了救主的降临。其中一个预言是祂将从以色列的犹太支派中降生为王³。耶稣基督降生时，东方博士前来朝拜祂⁴。耶稣基督到来立定神的国⁵。凡信耶稣基督的人都在心里冠祂为王⁶。

其二，耶稣基督能拯救所有罪人，甚至罪恶至极的⁷。当恶人将祂钉死在十字架上时，他们并没察觉到这事件正应验了神的救恩计划。藉着祂的死，耶稣基督替祂的子民承担了罪的惩罚⁸。第三天祂从死里复活，证明了祂的死成功地替祂的子民偿还了罪的代价。

其三，耶稣基督将是审判世人的那一位。祂再次来临时，活人死人都会复活面临最后的审判⁹。不信耶稣基督的人必承担自己罪的惩罚，既是永死在地狱里。凡信耶稣基督的人必被接待居住在新地上，既是在新天里，那里有义居住在其中¹⁰。

在这虎年里，您是否能靠着相信耶稣基督而与神和解呢？祂确是“犹太支派中的狮子”！

1 约1:29; 2 启 5:5; 3 创 49:8-10; 4 太 2:2 ; 5 可 1:14 ; 6 路 17:21 ; 7 来 7:25 ; 8 林后 5:21 ; 9 太 24:31-46 ; 10 彼后 3:10