# The Prince

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I remember seeing this album name from a South African Band (Crash Car Burn): "This City needs a Hero."

And it has been a catchy slogan in my head for a while and when I thought about writing this article that line was my driving inspiration. This city needs a Hero. This world needs a Saviour.

In most fairytales we find a damsel in distress and then a knight in shining armour or a Prince Charming, who comes riding in on his horse to the rescue. Now with Jesus, the Prince of Peace, much is the same. Yet he came in on a donkey, in his mother's womb and also on his own accord at a later stage.

I like how our Prince of Peace comes and throws all "expectations" out the window. What I mean, is He goes beyond those expectations. He is so much more than them. I like how He puts things upside down. The world says: "Show me then we will believe." Jesus, the Prince says: "Believe and then you will see".

First look at the world: the damsel in distress. She is hurt, she is confused. She is lost and she is at war: literally and figuratively. God hears the cry of His people time and again. He sends His one and only Son, to be the final and strongest of Princes to rescue us.

The Prophet Isaiah spoke about it long before: Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be

called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace."

There is so much to the man of Jesus. He is a counsellor; he is mighty in ways we don't even comprehend. And our Jesus is forever. He's here to stay, to reign over our lives. But that reigning is not a horrible thing. We tend to have negative feelings within when we ponder Jesus reigning over our lives. BUT please do believe He is the Prince of Peace. His reign is not for our gain.

In a world of chaos He offers:

#### 1) Peace

John 14: 27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

### 2) Forgiveness

Acts 5: 31 "God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel (us)."

And I could go on and on... telling you all the things that this Prince offers. BUT as with all tales (stories), they are not kept to one book only. There is not only one tale about our Prince but many...

You can discover Him through the books of the Bible and you can even discover Him through the very chapters of your life. Truth is, the Prince is here to rescue His damsel in distress (the world, which includes you and I)... However, are you willing to be rescued?

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