

Diary of Sin Illustration (using a phone or book)

(Point at phone) This 'phone' represents my life... specifically all the sin of the past, present and future. Every wrong word, thought or action I've ever done. And God **hates** sin.

Let this hand (point at the hand not holding phone) represent me - who God **loves** and doesn't want to punish.

(Place the (phone) on hand that represents you.)

But this is the **problem** – my sin separates me from God.

(Hold the now empty hand that now will represent God above and facing the phone 'diary of sin' which you are holding with the hand that represents you to show how sin separates us from God.)

God **loves** me... (point at hand holding the phone) but He **hates** my sin. (point at phone)

Now - since God is holy, sinless and just - my sin must be punished.

To solve my problem, God lovingly sent His Son to earth. That's (Jesus – God in the flesh)

(Move the Jesus/God hand from above the phone to parallel to the phone and hand representing you.)

Jesus lived a sinless life. He didn't deserve to be punished. But when Jesus died on the cross all of our sins were placed upon Him. (As you say this, move the phone 'diary of sin' upon the hand representing God/Jesus.)

All of my sin, which God hates, was placed on Jesus. He died and suffered taking the punishment for our sin on the cross - so we might be forgiven. (As you say "punishment", make a fist and hit the phone.)

When He died, He was buried in a grave. (Lay phone 'sin' out of sight.)

But Jesus didn't stay dead. He was raised back to LIFE so He could **help us** experience the full life He intends for us.

Jesus went back to heaven to prepared a place for you and me. (Move the 'Jesus' hand 12" above the 'me' hand.)

Having taken the punishment for our sin, Jesus removed the barrier of our sin that separates us from a relationship with Him. (Clasp the Jesus hand and 'you' had together.) A relationship that starts now on earth - and lasts forever with Jesus in heaven to anyone - who believes (trusts) in Him.