

The Legend of Suriyothai

Suriyothai disguised herself as a warrior and followed her royal husband the king out to the battle. In the battle, the Burmese king was just about to kill her husband when she deliberately drove her elephant between the two kings. She saved her husband's life, but she was killed. Suriyothai gave her life as a substitute for her royal husband. She died so he could live. Jesus Christ died for you so you could live eternally with Him in Heaven.

God made the world and all things therein. Instead of choosing to love and obey God, man chose to disobey and turn away from Him. As a result, our world is full of lawlessness, crime, immorality, adultery, drugs, drunkenness, lying, stealing, cheating, greed, murder, and all kinds of evil.

Physical death is the result of disobeying God. God said, **“The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:20)**. No one is righteous, because all have sinned. We are all under the death penalty. No one can escape death. No one can escape the punishment for their sin which is suffering in the burning flames of hell.

God is just and demands a payment for sin. When you die, you are either going to hell to pay for your sin for all eternity, or you are going to accept the way that God has provided for you and go to Heaven. He has provided a way for every person to be rescued from hell, but the price for sin must be paid for by someone without sin. God, who is without sin, chose to pay the price for our sin. He was born a human named Jesus Christ. He lived a sinless life and then was crucified on the cross, buried, and three days later rose from the dead.

Jesus Christ paid the price for your sins on the cross. **“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us...” (1 Thes. 5:9,10)**. He shed his blood and died for you. He, who was innocent, died for you, who are guilty. **“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” (2 Cor. 5:21)**.

Imagine if you were sentenced in a court of law to pay a 10,000 Baht fine, but someone else walked up, pulled out the money and paid the fine for you. The law would no longer have any recourse. The fine was paid in full. The police could no longer come after you and say, “You owe this money!”. This is exactly what Jesus did when He died on the cross. He paid for your sin by dying as your substitute. Just as Suriyothai died so her husband could live so Jesus Christ died for you so you could live eternally with Him in Heaven.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31). By repenting of your sin and receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior all your sins will be forgiven. God will give you His righteousness so you can live with Him in Heaven. Do you need a Savior? You will either pay for your sins in Hell forever, or you can accept the substitute God provided to pay for your sins.