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## WHAT IS THIS THING?

Whether you've noticed by now or not, Rising Son has one line for people, that Jesus Christ holds the key to any problem anybody can suggest. Now we really don't expect this to turn you on, so before you classify this with the Catholic Register, let's get a few things straight.

We are talking about Jesus as an experience, a really exciting thing, not just a life style, or a set of rules designed to make life dull as possible. Jesus is instead the only way to make life real and exciting enough to be worth living. This is what we're trying to do, help other bods dig on Jesus in the same way we have.

Now we know that you aren't going to jump up in the air and start yelling and screaming because somebody has finally told you a way to be really happy, and where the purpose in life is and all that. All we want is for you to be honest with yourself. Sure, man, we know that you aren't going to believe it just because we say it's so, and that's cool. But if you're really honest, you'll give us a chance to present our point.

So look at yourself and decide, "Do I really want to know?" If so, read on. --S.G.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

"For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
-- Romans 8:38-39.

To us this means that nothing nor anyone can change Christ's love for us. He protects us from everything, and is always with us in time of trouble. He is someone we can turn to and he always understands us. Christ's love is everlasting! --S.A.

## A NEW LIFE

Have you ever thought about the universe that stretches on forever? Or the atoms that are so small that you can't see them? Then you probably thought that man must be pretty smart to know about these atoms and see into the universe. But have you ever thought about where the universe and those atoms came from? Some say they're just a mixture of chemicals. Well, they are, but these chemicals couldn't just fall together; they had to be put together. Somebody or something had to put them together. Now, to put the universe together this thing had to be where the universe is in order to put it together, and as far as we know, the universe stretches on and on forever, so this thing has to go on forever and forever. The same is true for the atoms, except that they're everywhere, so this thing has to be everywhere, too.

Now, have you ever heard of any "thing" this big? Well, we have, and it's called by many names, but the name we call it is LORD, like the one in heaven. Only he's not just in heaven; he's everywhere. He's in you, in your house, and in your friends. You ask what he's doing there? Well, he's mainly LOVING you and giving you a chance to change. The neat thing about it is that you can't get rid of him or his LOVE. His LOVE is a never-ending love, not like ours that quits when the going gets rough or changes every week.

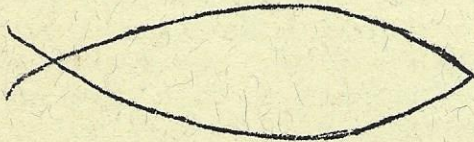
We really wish you could experience this LOVE. Some of you have and that is really neat. For those of you who haven't felt this love, don't think you can get it just by going to church, because you can't. To help you along with your new life, it helps to have somebody else. We think that another Christian would be your best choice. Don't think that you can't experience this LOVE because there aren't any Christians in your school, because there are. You might try the person who gave you this paper. He's probably a Christian.

--M.B.



## I LOVE HIM SO

I just don't know how to love Him,  
 How to do when He moves me.  
**When I see the guiding light,**  
**I get filled all with life**  
 Of the joy of the love He gives me.  
 I just don't know how to show  
 I love Him so.  
 I thank Him for the grace He gives me.  
 I thank Him for the glory He leaves me,  
 And I just don't know how to show  
 I love Him so.  
 I don't know what to do with Him,  
 How to move with Him.  
 I just don't know how to love Him.  
 I only know  
 I love Him so. -- D.A.



## RAP SESSION

Here we have what could be called a Bible Lesson. What we are trying to do is help you dig in and find out how cool the scriptures are. This time Jesus is sitting on the grass on top of a mountain and talking to a big crowd of people that are all gathered around listening intently. Man, it was a lot of people to talk to in the outdoors, but the Lord had things going pretty well. Here's a few excerpts of what he said. What he's trying to do is get across to the people that with him you can really relax, without tranquilizers.

"Listen, guys, here is what I ask of you: Don't get so hung up on the material things of life. There is a lot more to life than drugs, or food, or clothes. Don't worry so much. Look at the birds, Man. They don't invest in bonds, or stash their dough in the bank. Yet, they come out in pretty good shape, anyway. The Father feeds them. Here he keeps track of a bunch of birds, and you know that you're more important to him than those things. What can you accomplish by worrying so much? Show me a man that can so much as add a foot to his height by worrying about it! Don't worry about clothes, either. Take the old flowers, for instance. Howard Hughes and all his empire won't compare to a mountain field full of flowers or even one tulip in the park. How weak you are! Where  
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## THE GREATER LOVE

(From The Way, No. 4, 1970)

**An incident happened one day . . . in Japan. In a country weary with war, perhaps it was commonplace. But the story did make the rounds anyhow -- about George.**

He was in a work detail on the railroad. The day's work was ended; the tools were being counted. When the party was about to be dismissed, the Japanese guard declared that a shovel was missing. He insisted that someone had stolen it to sell to the enemy. He strode up and down in front of the men, ranting and dencuncing them for their wickedness, their ingratitude to the Emperor.

Screaming in broken English, he demanded that the guilty one step forward to take his punishment. No one moved. The guard's rage reached new heights of violence.

"All die! All die!" he screamed.

To show that he meant what he said, he pulled back the bolt, put the rifle to his shoulder and looked down the sights, ready to fire at the first man he saw at the end of them. At that moment, George stepped forward and stood stiffly to attention, saying calmly, "I did it."

The guard unleashed all his whipped-up hatred; he kicked the helpless prisoner and beat him with his fists. Still George stood rigidly at attention. The blood was streaming down his face, but he made no sound. His silence goaded the guard to an excess of rage. He seized his rifle by the barrel and lifted it high over his head. With a final howl he brought the butt down on George's skull. George sank limply to the ground and did not move. Although it was perfectly evident that he was dead, the guard continued to beat him and stopped only when exhausted. The men of the work detail picked up their companion's body, shouldered their tools, and marched back to camp.

When the tools were counted again at the guardhouse, no shovel was missing.

"Even if we were good, we really wouldn't expect anyone to die for us, though of course that might be barely possible. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

--Romans 5:7-8



## WHO IS THIS MAN?

You've probably asked yourself by now who Jesus was and what he has to do with you as an individual in today's society. This is a cool question and so we'll try to answer it as well as we can here. But you've got to realize that nobody will ever be able to understand Jesus completely.

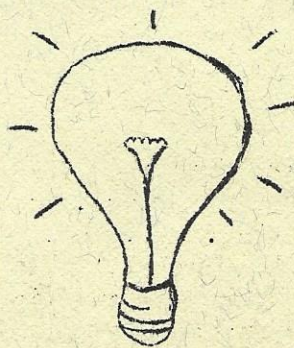
First of all, when we talk about Jesus, we aren't talking about some sweet guy that only hung around with "nice" people and only talked about "nice" things. No, Jesus was instead the most controversial political figure of his day. When he spoke, people listened. He was an exciting person. Man, when you were with Jesus, you knew that you weren't going to be cut down and made fun of. He didn't hang out with the "good" people, either. He said things too heavy for them. As a matter of fact, it was they who executed him. He loved the church people, and he really wished that they loved him, but because he knew that they weren't as cool as they liked to think they were, he told them so. This didn't go over too well, so he was rejected by the establishment of his day. Consequently, his best friends were the guys that everybody else said were worthless bums, the winos, the addicts and the common thieves. They liked him because he accepted them for what they were. To be with him you didn't have to be any particular person. You could just be yourself, Man, and he'd love you just the same. When compared with the other great men of history, Christ was by far the greatest.

If that was all Christ was, then we would be wasting our time and energy with this. We might as well write about Shakespeare. Of all the cool things that Jesus was, the coolest by far was the fact that he was God. This is the important thing, and it made the difference in his life. This is the big thing that we are trying to get across: Christ was a neat guy to be around when he was here physically, but even better, you can still have a relationship with him today. This is the only way to really discover yourself and be happy. Man, we don't expect you to dig this just because we say it's true. We know you don't really believe us, and that's cool, but to be really honest, you have to give us a chance. We can't prove the existence of God to you by any scientific

process, but we can give you a chance to let God prove it to you through your own experience. Consider a few points. Take the miracles that Christ did. There is no "natural" explanation for them. Healing, raising dead people, feeding 5,000 people from a couple of sandwiches. All these things he did, and nobody has explained them at all sensibly unless he was really who he claimed to be. Also if you take a dictionary or a science book written in 1920, it will be out of date. The material in there can't be trusted. If you take the Bible, particularly the New Testament, completed 2,000 years ago, the material in it, especially the prophesies, becomes more relevant every day. Are these things "accidents"? No. We don't expect this to prove anything to you, but just think about it.

What is really cool, though, is being able to experience Christ's love on the everyday level. This can be had by anybody that is really honest. Consider yourself. If you think that you're really open and willing, then that's all it takes. Just say or think something to the effect of "Okay, Lord, if you can hear me and if you're really what you claim to be, then you can take my life and do whatever you want with it. I hear that you love me, so show me and I'll believe." For some people it is a big emotional thing. For others it takes a little while, but you can begin to notice a difference. Eventually a guy that really has Christ alive inside him has his whole sense of values changed, his whole life is different. Don't let it stop at this, though. Rap with God as much as possible and really be honest with him. Also read about people in the Gospels and Acts who put their lives on the line and the effect that it had on them. Dig out other Christians and talk with them.

with them. It's cool they know the things you go through and they're great to be around.



Think about it. You've got nothing to lose and a whole new life to gain. If what we say isn't so, then you haven't lost anything. You can still dig into your former life. If it is so, then

you've completely gained the ultimate. Don't knock it until you've tried it. Give God a chance. He won't let you down. -- s.g.



## A LETTER TO GOD

Dear Lord,

I don't know how I can tell you of words that don't exist; how I can tell you of a human that never lived; how I can tell you of peace that never could be; or how I can tell you of a love that never was. Lord, I don't even know how to tell you of a life that wants to die. But Lord, you know about all these things without my saying them to you. So, Lord, help me understand all things I'm not sure of. Help me to speak to you of the words, of the human, of the love and peace, and of the life.

Lord, help me.

In Christ's Name,  
--D.A.

## OUTGROUP

Hey! Outgroup meets every other Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fire Escape at the First Presbyterian Church at 16th & Walnut downtown. At Outgroup we do all kinds of cool stuff. From 7 until 8 we have games, relays, skits, plays and poster-making. And from 8 until 8:30 you can play pool, ping pong, shock people with static electricity from the carpet and just mess around. The Fire Escape is up on the third floor of the church. Everyone in junior high is invited. Next meetings are March 25, April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20.

Christian Experience meets on Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5 p.m. We rap a lot. Meet in the church in Geneva Hall on the first floor. All junior high kids are invited. See you there, hear? --G.P.

RAP . . .

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is your faith? Now that you have peace, you don't have to run around saying, 'Oh, Man, what will I eat? or What will I drink?' These aren't the things you have to spend your time worrying about. The Father knows that you need these things anyway. Point your bod on the good thing in life -- pleasing the Father -- and everything else will fall into place. Don't worry about tomorrow; today has enough troubles of its own." --Based on Matthew 6:25-35, a loose translation by S.G.

## SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW LOVE

Love. It's really cool, neat, and all of that, right? Sure it is, but it seems to us that the love we experience as teenagers is mostly proud love, the look-at-me-I'm-going-steady kind of love or the kind that changes every month.



But the really cool love is one that doesn't care who you talk to or one that doesn't quit after a month. It doesn't care what other people say, either. This is the real love; with this kind of love you can love everybody and not just one person at a time.

Maybe we don't love like this, but somebody else does. He loves everybody and wants everybody to love him, and everyone else, too. His love was so strong that he died for us and then he came back, that's how strong his love was, and is, and always will be.

It seems to us that if he can love us enough to die for us, we ought to be able to love him back. He's not human, so why not? Let's get on the stick and love him, and by the way, that "him" is GOD! -- M.B.

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## ALL ALONE

I'm all alone,  
I'm undiscovered,  
No one really knows me.  
I can't be me  
Until I see  
That you're the one,  
The only one  
That I should put my faith in.  
So help me now  
To get out of my rut  
And see the way that's clear.  
I've turned to you  
To see me through,  
So help me as I go.  
I'm coming to you,  
I'll do what you want me to.  
I really want to know you.  
I was all alone when you came along  
And now I see the light. --J.R.



# Announcement!

## News

JERUSALEM (1 A.D.)--It may have appeared that one of the three men who were crucified a month ago was an ordinary man like the other two, but there were at least 11 men who knew otherwise. I am one of them. My name is Matthew.

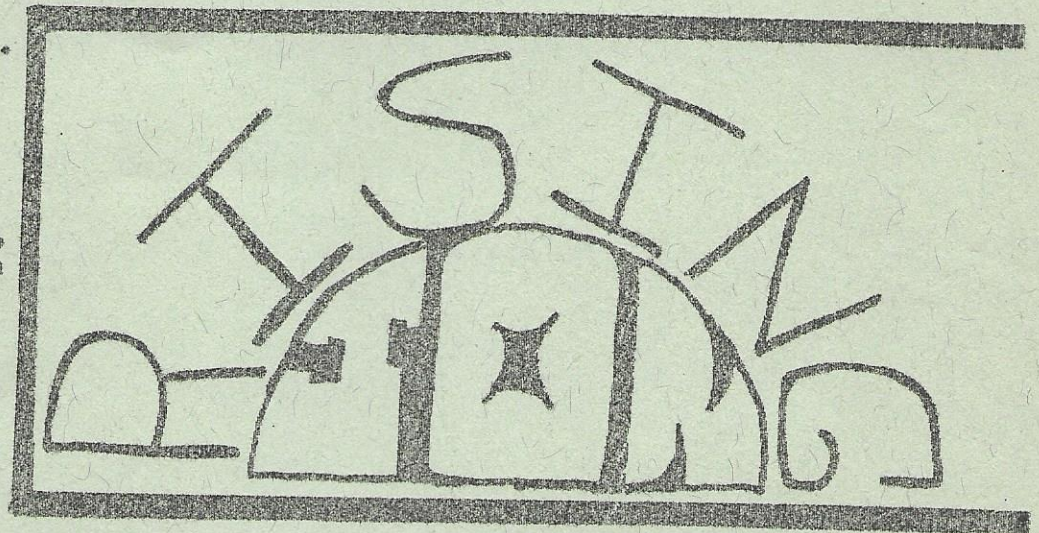
It all started on Aug. 23, three years ago, when Jesus came to me while I was collecting taxes for the Romans. Up until then, I was a dirty, rotten man, but after traveling with Jesus for almost three years, I realized what a great man he was and that he was the Son of God.

Then one Thursday, as we were walking in the garden of Gethsemane with Jesus, Judas came up to us with some Roman guards who arrested Jesus and took him away. The next day, the people were given a choice as to which man, Jesus or Barabbas, would be killed. Unfortunately the

people chose that Jesus be killed and Barabbas be set free.

Then they nailed Jesus to a cross and killed him. After three days, the unbelievable happened, Our Lord Jesus came to life from the dead. For forty days he taught us about the Kingdom of God. After forty days, he ascended into heaven.

Now all of us are going to go to different places to preach the word of God in the name of Jesus. --G.P.



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"The light shines in darkness and the darkness has never put it out." -- John 1:5.

The light is not a candle light or a neon light, it is truth. Darkness is the blackness of a fake world; darkness is not being able to know reality, truth; not being able to see the "light" or live in it.

But there was one man who lived on this earth who lived in the light, who knew the truth. Now we consider him the light that shines through all darkness or the pathway to the light.

He is Jesus. He is our light that shines to all eternity. --D.A.

## yours as a gift

Jesus Christ was the most human guy that ever lived. He experienced more of life in 33 years than any other person will experience if they should live to be 150. J.C. knew the pains, the joys, the sorrows, and all of the human suffering and emotions that any man has the chance to go through during his life.

As for suffering, he knew all types. Close your eyes during the 39 lashes (Please turn to Page Three)

Help Available,  
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## HE'S HERE

He's there while I'm in a car.  
 He's there while I'm sleeping.  
 He's there while I'm arguing with  
 my parents.  
 He's there during my English test.



He's there in my saddest hour.  
 He's there through my happiest  
 moments.

He's there in my Heaven.  
 He's there in my Hell.  
 He's there when my courage is low.  
 He's there when I'm in a crowd.  
 He's there when I'm all alone.  
 He's here with me now.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee;  
 be not dismayed; for I am thy God;  
 I will strengthen thee; yea, I will  
 help thee; yea, I will uphold thee  
 with the right hand of my righteous-  
 ness." Isaiah 41:10.

--D.A.

## Merry Christmas

Approximately 2,000 years ago in  
 the town of Bethlehem, Our Father  
 sent to us his only son.

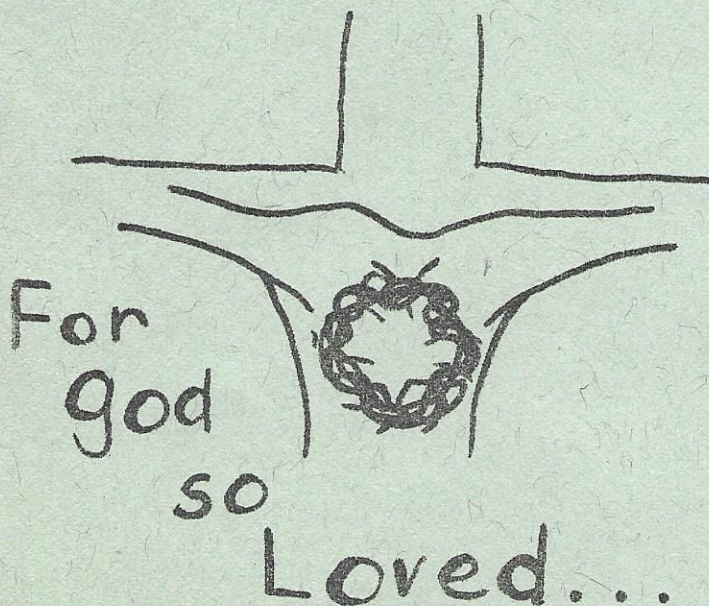
The story goes this way:

At this time the ruler of the land  
 was Emperor Augustus. He decided that  
 a census should be taken, so he or-  
 dered each person back to his town to  
 register himself and his family.  
 Joseph, who was a carpenter, took his  
 wife Mary back to Bethlehem with him.  
 Mary was pregnant and while they were  
 in Bethlehem, it came time for her to  
 have her baby. And so they began  
 looking for a place to stay. But  
 there were so many people in the town  
 that all the rooms were filled.  
 Finally, one innkeeper told them that  
 they could use the stable, and so, the  
 Son of God was born in a stable,  
 wrapped in cloths and laid in the man-  
 ger.

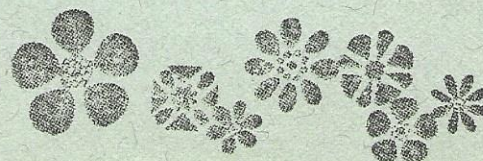
Meanwhile, there were some shepherds  
 watching their sheep when an angel  
 came and told them of the event. So  
 they made their way to see the  
 Messiah. And at the same time, three  
 kings, a bit surprised at the bril-  
 liance of one star, followed it.  
 They all arrived to find the baby just  
 as the angel had said, wrapped up in  
 cloths and lying in a manger full of  
 hay.

You may be wondering why we are  
 telling this story now, with Easter  
 approaching. Well, the answer is  
 simply this: For all we know the real  
 date of Christ's birth might have  
 been tonight.

And without the birth of Christ, the  
 wonderful event of his dying for us  
 wouldn't have happened. --E.G.



V.W.





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## something special.

Easter's almost here and a lot of you don't even know what it's all about, except that some rabbit came once a year when you were little and left you candy. So listen up!

To tell the Easter story, you've got to start with the Christmas story. Jesus was born in a stable because there wasn't any room in the motel. He grew up as a son of a carpenter and seemed like a perfectly regular boy until he started talking to people about God. As he grew older, he started performing miracles in the name of God. He healed people, giving God the credit,

There were people who didn't think he was the Son of God and that he didn't do things that were right in God's sight. (Actually, he was doing right; they were doing wrong, because he never did one rotten thing in his life.) So they arrested him and nailed him to the cross. They killed him and put him in a cave with a huge rock in front of it. Before he died, he had said that he would come alive in three days, but noone believed him. After three days, three women found the cave with the rock moved away and when they went into town, there was Jesus with his amazed disciples. In 40 days he arose to heaven.

The reason we celebrate Easter is not because Jesus died, but because he rose from the dead. The reason he died was to clean us of all the sins we are doing right now, the sins we have done and the sins we will do in the future. If you believe that and accept Jesus as your savior, you will live in heaven after you die.



So if right now you're saying, "Big Deal," answer us this: Can you die and come alive again here on earth? --G.P.

\*Love your enemy; it'll drive him crazy.

from the Superstar record. It'll freak your mind. He knew what it was like to have all your friends turn their backs on you. Man, at the time when Jesus was most depressed, his friends went to sleep on him. And who was it that made sure that Jesus was killed. One of his very closest



friends. When Jesus was being tried, his best friends all ran out on him. Even Peter, the guy that Jesus was closest to, denied that he even knew Jesus, and at a time when Jesus needed him the most. Jesus also knew what it was like to be poor. He owned only one set of clothes in all the time that he was preaching. He stayed to eat wherever people would let him, and he slept wherever a place was available. When he was dying, hanging on a tree half dead, a couple of Roman guards were right below him, rolling dice to see how to divide up his clothes. Jesus suffered one of the grossest deaths a man has ever had to go through. Listen, man, next time you start griping because things are rough, think about the guy that really knows what it's all about.

This is only part of it, though. Jesus went through all this but he never griped about it. He was always able to keep up his personality and never turned anybody away. Contrary to the J.C. Superstar album, Jesus never told anybody to heal himself

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no matter how he felt. He loved people too much for that.

If he hadn't loved people, then he wouldn't have gone through all the suffering he did. What's far out is that all that suffering has a purpose. Its purpose is to set you and me free from all the hang-ups that we have all the time. Jesus died and suffered so we won't have to go through all the pains that we really deserve. Let's face it, we've screwed up our lives and fall far short of the standards God sets for us. This is obvious simply because nobody has ever even come close to keeping the Ten Commandments. This is where Jesus comes in. See, man, under all the laws set up in the Old Testament, if you disobey even one of them, then you have to be killed. These are laws like eating the right kinds of foods, doing certain things on certain days, and a whole mess of other laws that are impossible to keep. Nobody's perfect, and we're all bound to do something wrong sometime, and God realizes this. He knows that if he killed everybody who did something wrong, there wouldn't be anybody left.

So what's he do? He kills himself. Since he loves us so much that he doesn't want to hurt us, he won't go ahead and kill us. But he's also cool, and he won't go back on his word, and since he said somebody has to die for our mistakes, he goes ahead and dies himself.

This doesn't mean that God is dead,

because that's only half the story. After he comes to earth, he limits himself so that he goes through all the human experiences possible and then is killed as a perfect sacrifice as a guy that never did anything wrong. Since he was perfect, the fact that he suffered and died vetoes our sentences.

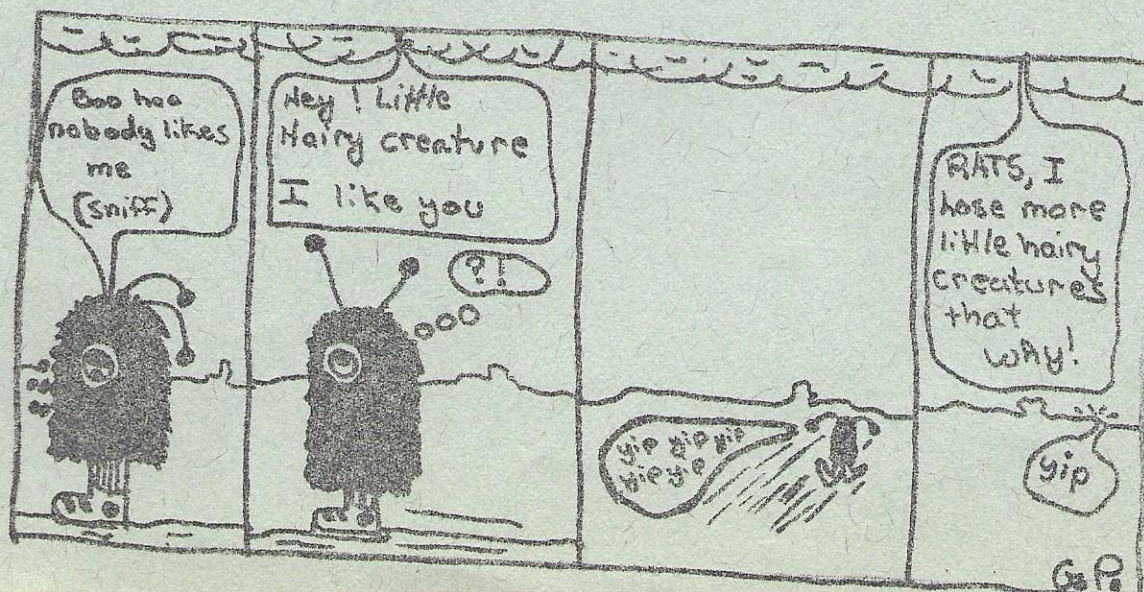
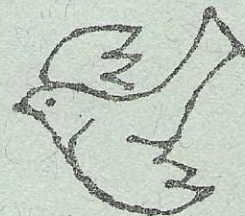
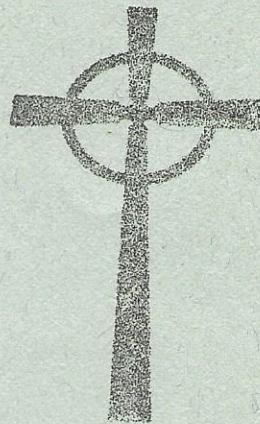
Then he did one tremendous thing that proves that he was God. He conquered ultimate human fear -- death.

And he promises the same thing to anybody who will give him the chance. He promises real life, a hard life but a true one to anybody who will give him a chance.

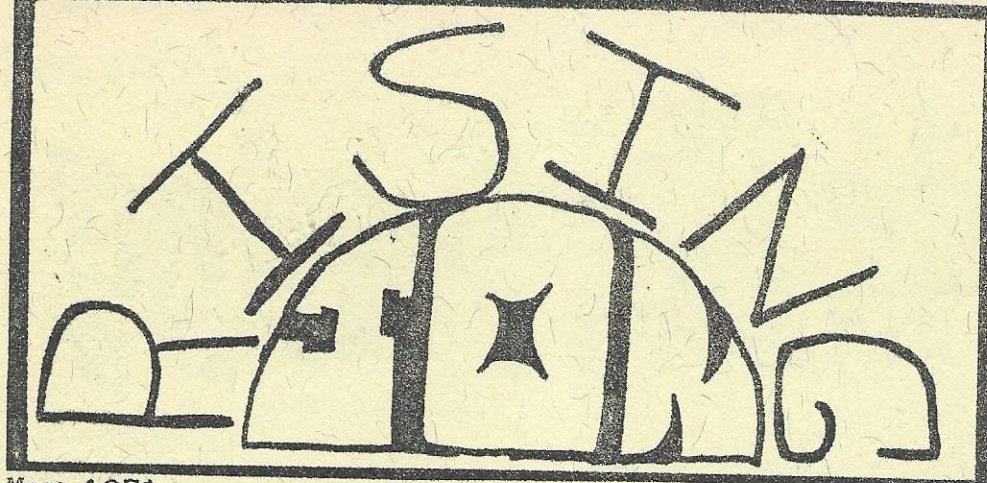
The life that he promises is not easy, but it's the best kind there is. Man, if you let Jesus run your life,

there is nothing that compares to it. You'll still get depressed; you'll still have hang-ups, but they aren't the things that matter any more. If you let Jesus help you, there is nothing that you can't take. Don't believe it? Try it. You'll be surprised. --S.G.

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GROOVEY

# News

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## Super-Star

If you have ever listened to the album Jesus Christ: Superstar, then you might have heard them say that Christ was just a great man. From what we've heard, this is what they're saying. This sort of bothers us, because Christ wasn't just a great man; he was more than a great man. He was the Son of God, too.

If you believe that he was just a man, then you ought to listen to Superstar again, especially the fourth side. It really brings out the suffering that Christ went through. After listening to that, we can't believe that anybody who was just a man would go through all that pain just for other people.

Yet Christ wasn't just the Son of God, either. He was both. Yes, both, because if he was just the Son, he wouldn't have felt the pain like he did, and it wouldn't have been so much a sacrifice.

So you see, Christ had to be the Son of God and the Son of man, too. --M.B.

JERUSALEM (1 A.D.)--Flash: Today will probably go down as one of the most important days in history for today the Holy Spirit came into the lives of many people.

About 9 a.m. there was a noise that sounded like the rushing of the wind. Since it was the day of Pentecost, many persons were gathered together for a feast in the home of one of the followers of the man called Jesus, who was recently crucified.

The sound filled the hall and the men saw what was reported to look like tongues of fire spreading out in the room. Each man, whom a tongue of fire touched was filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages. A crowd gathered and began to taunt the people speaking in different languages and said they had had too much new wine and were drunk.

A man who identified himself as Peter spoke to the crowd and said, "Fellow Jews, listen to me and pay attention. These men are not drunk; it is only nine in the morning. But God has sent the Holy Spirit to them."

All those who are talking now in other tongues know Jesus to be the risen Son of God. They know that the Holy Spirit has been sent to them to help and comfort them as Jesus promised.  
--G.P.



# What's Happening

Christianity to many people seems to be a drag. Just an outdated ceremony that is held every week at which nothing much happens. Church may be a drag, not Christianity. Christianity is not just a religion; it's an experience, a thing you can dig forever. So what's in it for you? A lot, man, a lot more than you'd ever imagine.

First of all, take the old typical thing: to live eternally. That's a long time. To live eternally can't be imagined. How do you know for sure that you're going to live forever? You can't. You just have to take God's word for it. God says that if you dig and love Jesus, you'll live forever, and do you really think God is a liar?

Eternal life is neat, but there is still another life to live, the one you're in right now. If eternal life was all that God promised, then you could mess up all of this life and then become a Christian on your deathbed and have it all fixed. It doesn't work that way, though. You can't fool God by trying to get in good with him by being nice every now and then to get brownie points in Heaven.

God's no fool, and he doesn't want you to be good just so as to get into Heaven. No person gets in good with God by what he does. He gets in good with God just by accepting Jesus as the only way to peace and by surrendering his whole self to Christ's love.

There is no way that you can be sort of a Jesus freak and sort of not. It's like Christ said, "Anybody that's not for me is against me." To be for God is the greatest possible thing that a person could experience. It's like being high all the time. God expands your mind to limits you didn't even know were there. No longer do you have to depend on the circumstances to be happy. To be with God at all times is all that matters. He puts in you a fantastically deep joy and hope that hangs with you all the time, even when you're really down.

God makes it so that you dig more of life every day. You can love everybody, even the gross people that are hard to love. Christ fills you with so much love that you can't help but love everybody else.

All these things don't happen at once. We don't mean that you escape from all your problems and walk around on clouds for all your life and all is flowers and happiness.

We aren't putting you on. We don't write this to make money. WE have nothing to gain by your becoming a Christian. We do this because we love you. We do this because God loves you. Confused? Great. Grab the person who laid this paper on you and talk it all out.

God loves you, and that's all that matters. Amen. --S.G.

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# Love

# Story.

## BEFORE

Somewhere I belong. Through confusion of the day and past, perhaps it's still not too late to belong. But where? Why? I'm myself; why don't people want to come to me, instead of me to them? Am I all alone in this big world when the people on it bring me loneliness and sorrow? Why am I rejected? I act as they do; I should belong then, shouldn't I? I cry myself to sleep so many times.

I wonder, why am I here, if no one wants to look at me even. I think about what they say at church. "You are loved because Christ died for your sins." Could it be possible that I'm really loved? Could it be that the one who makes the sun rise and set, who made man, who shaped the mountains, who is worshipped and prayed to, still has time to listen to me?

I prayed, "Dear God: I want so much to be accepted, to be loved. I want to cry out of happiness, not sorrow."

## AFTER

I went to church camp last summer and really felt close to God. How could I help it with so many loving people up there and with such beautiful surroundings? They said that it was so easy. But I thought, "Do I want to give my life up to Him?"

I prayed and asked, "Dear God: I want to be a Christian. Please come into my heart. I believe and accept your son, Jesus Christ."

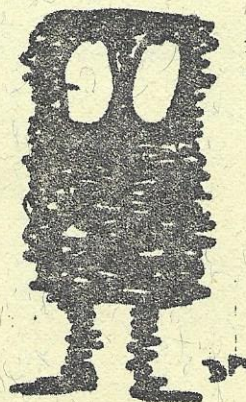
Nothing happened. The last day, the Holy Spirit filled the

camp and many kids accepted Christ. I realized I had become a Christian earlier in the week. But it took a friend and many others to show me the trust I then had in God.

It was hard to come back home. I wanted to shout and tell everyone about the love of God. Sometimes you feel like you've just been talking to a brick wall, though. But I'm not all alone and neither are you because the power and love of God is so neat that he is everywhere. Right here with you.

It's not a dream world, since I've become a Christian. I still have my ups and downs. I look back on "before" when I used to cry out of sorrow. Tears now come out of happiness from the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

I can tell the truth and say I'm happy. I have found life and its new meaning. It's for God. -- K.S.



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LIVING IN THE DARK, BUT  
IF I DID FIND LIGHT I'M  
AFRAID I MIGHT SEE WHAT  
I'M REALLY LIKE!



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GOD IS LOVE

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So you believe that there is only one God? Right on, brother. So does the devil and he trembles in fear (James 2:19). But does that make the devil a Christian? No, of course not.

It's by your faith and actions that you show you are a Christian. You can't just say you are a Christian; you have to live it, too. If you say you're a Christian, and then go get bombed, who's going to believe you? Believing in God is fine, but who's going to turn to God just by your believing. It takes actions, also. Jesus's words were great, but more people believed because of his works.

It worked that way all through the New Testament with Paul, Peter, and all those guys. So don't think it can't work that way with you.

But then again, don't go out and try to move the mountains. It might not work if you're just testing. The easiest way to show you're a Christian is by living it! --M.B.

(God/Love) is patient. (God/Love) is kind.

(God/Love) is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude, never selfish.

There is nothing (God/Love) cannot face; there is no limit to his faith, his hope, or his endurance.

(God/Love) will never come to an end. -- E.G.

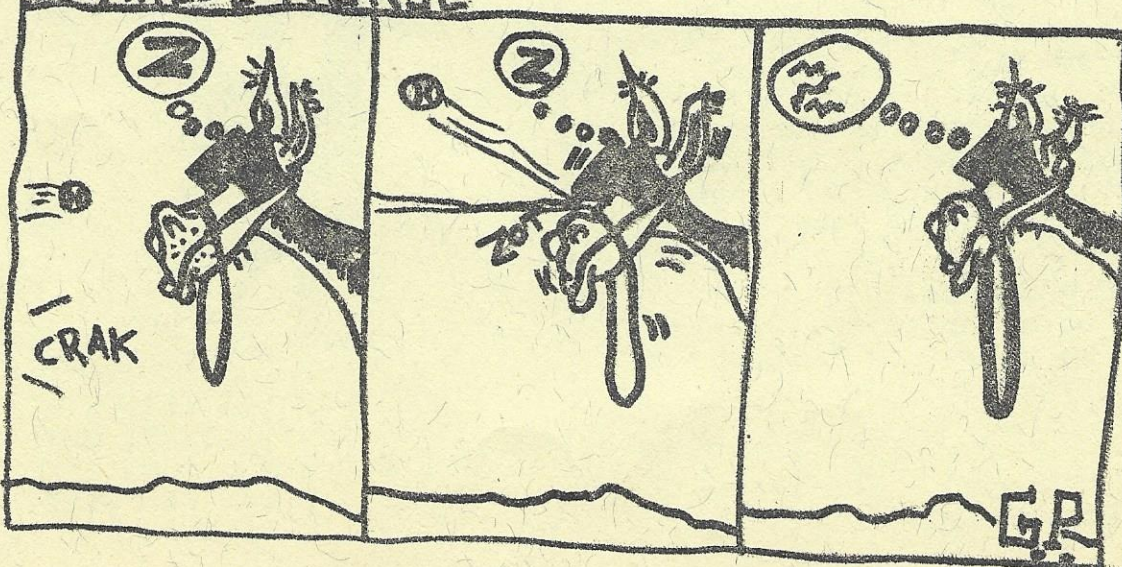
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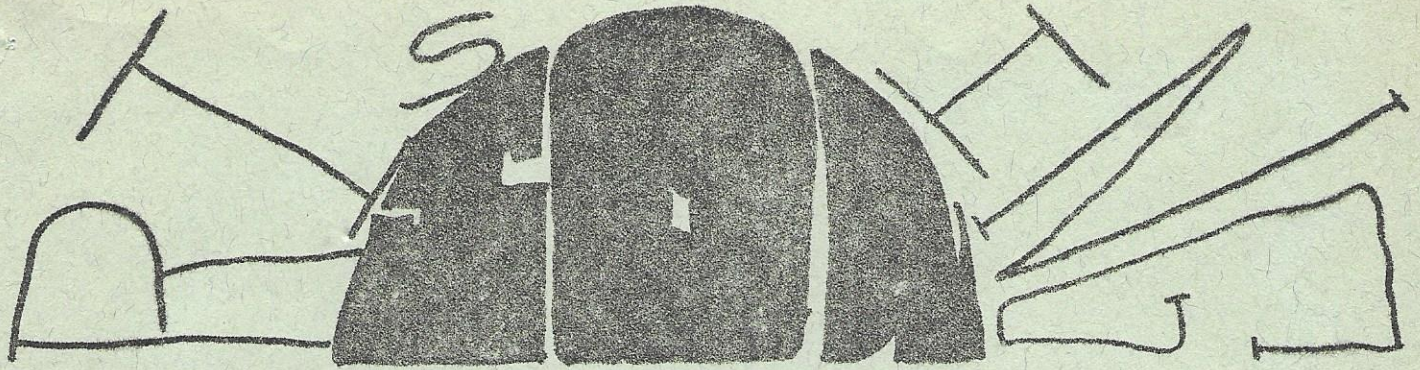
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## Lost Boy, 12, Folks Reunited

NEW YORK (AP) June 11, 1950--A young boy who became separated from his parents while visiting the city Wednesday was reunited with his frantic parents early this morning.

Police Lt. Charles Darnell responded to a call from the First United Presbyterian Church and said that the youth had apparently wandered into a session meeting in the old church and was giving advice amazingly thought-through, even for a clear-thinking adult.

The church's pastor, the Rev. E. Robert Wallace, called the police because the boy was becoming a "nuisance." Darnell said that the boy lives in a nearby suburb and had been shopping with his parents. They apparently became separated during the rush hour.

## 5,000 Attend Local Civil Rights Rally

NEW YORK (AP) March 26, 1969--Police said an estimated 5,000 people attended a rally held by a popular civil rights leader in Central Park yesterday.

A policeman on the scene, Sgt. Paul Stanford, said that the rally

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## Central Park Rally Watched by Police

NEW YORK (AP) April 12, 1968--A rally held in Central Park yesterday afternoon was watched closely by police, but no violence developed. The rally, run by a radical minority leader, was non-violent, but City Police Chief Steven Blake said that "definite elements of violence" were present.

The rally was unscheduled and started when the speaker stood on top of a park bench and started speaking. Amazingly, within a few minutes a few hundred people were gathered around, listening intently.

The crowd nearly went wild when the speaker said, "The really happy people are those that are oppressed, for everything will be all right for them."

He also told the crowd, "Happy are those that work for real peace among mankind; real peace awaits them with God." Police Chief Blake said the speech was of a religious nature.

The speaker emphasized the

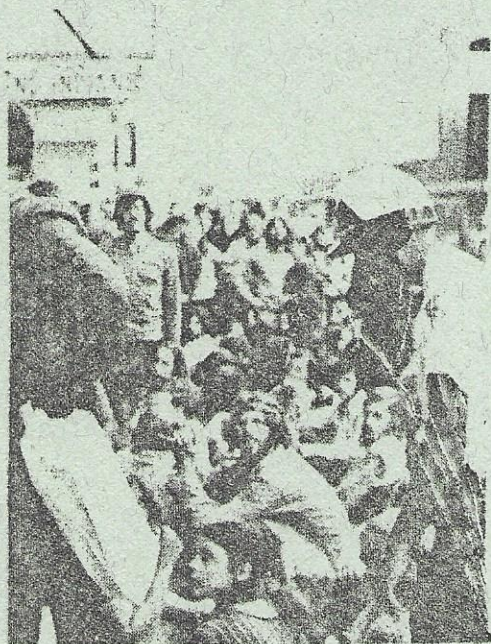
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# Police Warn Rights Leader

NEW YORK (AP) March 29, 1969--The New York police department issued a warning to an up-and-coming civil rights leader who has been seen in the city lately. In a statement issued Thursday, the police department said, "This man, with obvious criminal intent, has been making a series of speeches within the city that are very likely to have a degrading effect on the people."

Police further charged that "through a series of 'miracles'



this man has succeeded in winning the popularity of the people. It must be made clear that although no concrete evidence exists against this man and his 'miracles,' he is really no one special and must not be regarded in that way."

The police announcement went on to say that any evidence against the man would be greatly appreciated. The civil rights leader was not available for comment at press time.

## Sudden Winds Subside; Police Discount Rumors

NEW YORK (AP) June 12, 1970--Winds of hurricane proportions hounded New York harbor early this morning but subsided after causing minimum damage.

Winds hampered travel in the harbor and the lower Hudson River, and a number of tour boats and barges were delayed.

Rumors of a man "walking on the water" during the storm are reportedly false and simply "the figment of imagination of a few misguided souls," police said. Pointing out that it is impossible for "mere man" to walk on the water, a police spokesman added jokingly, "especially on waves like that."

Police said that a minor probe will be started on the incident.

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was peaceful and the speaker "very willing to cooperate." Stanford denied that anything unusual happened at the rally and said, "It was just a typical civil rights meeting."

Other sources disagreed. Richard Davis, a high school student, was one. Davis said, "It was exciting. We were all sitting on the grass listening to this guy when he stopped talking and went down and talked to a couple of his friends. We were hungry, and it was close to eight o'clock, so most eating places were closed. Suddenly we all got quiet and when we looked up, we saw a little kid walk up to the front and hand the leader three sandwiches and an apple."

Davis told how the leader thanked the youngster and assured the crowd that the food would be enough for all.

"Of course," Davis said, "we all laughed. Three sandwiches for 5,000 people? No way. Maybe this guy was nuts."

The leader prayed, Davis said,

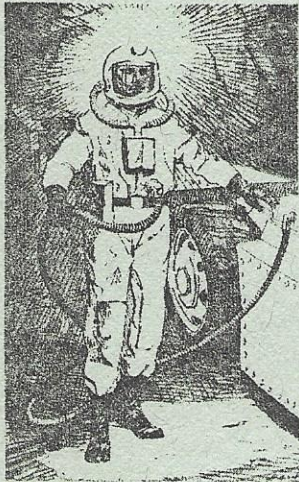
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## Man on Mule Steals Astronauts' Glory

NEW YORK (AP) Dec. 15, 1971--A prominent civil rights leader stole the glory from Apollo 19 astronauts by riding a mule down Broadway during a ticker tape parade being held for the space travelers.

Jessu Christopher was arrested at the end of the parade, despite chants and shouting supporting him.

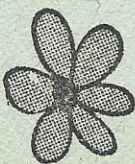


Earlier, when Christopher rode out on Broadway, the relatively quiet crowd nearly went out of control. Spectators yelled and screamed, and some put their coats in the street for him to walk on while the astronauts went unnoticed. The crowd chanted, "Yea Jessu, Yea Jessu" and booed wildly

when police arrived to arrest him.

Blood was shed when a close friend of Jessu, Peter Simonfield, walking along side the rider, cut off the ear of one of the policemen with a switchblade. Jessu quickly rebuked Simonfield and helped to bandage the policeman's ear.

Simonfield escaped, along with 10 other men who were following Jessu. Judasian Iscariot, a follower of Jessu, played a major role in the arrest of Christopher, police said. The arrested man was hurriedly taken to headquarters for further questioning.



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## Jury Finds J.C. Guilty

NEW YORK (AP) Dec. 21, 1971--The trial of Jessu Christopher was brought to a close early Tuesday morning. Christopher, with no lawyer, did not testify in his own behalf and made no effort at all to defend himself. "I know what is going to happen anyway," he is quoted as saying.

Christopher had been charged with threatening to blow up police headquarters and to rebuild it in three days. Confronted with the charge, Christopher replied, "They don't understand. They'll see soon."

The defendant's claim was



Judge

apparently all the jury needed, and Christopher was sentenced to death on riot charges and intent to destroy public property. Asked how a man could be sentenced to death on riot charges, the court denied comment.

Date for execution was set for tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 22.

CENTRAL PARK . . . .

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importance of the individual and said, "Love is the only answer to the world's problems, and God is the only answer to love."

Witnesses claimed that the speaker healed the sick and cheered the depressed during the rally, but Blake denied these reports, citing "lack of evidence."

Blake also said that many of the claims made by the speaker were "unsubstantiated and obviously false." Most of the people who heard the speaker came away astounded because the speaker had "real authority," unlike other politicians.



# Jessu Christopher Executed Today

NEW YORK (AP) Dec. 22, 1971--  
Jessu Christopher, a former civil  
rights leader, was executed in a solemn public ceremony outside the city today. Christopher had been convicted on rather undefined charges in a trial that closed yesterday.

Christopher was reportedly lynched and flogged by prison guards and fellow inmates in a riot that broke out last night. While near death, he was reportedly calm and "had sort of a look of pity" for those around him, according to one guard.

His last words were reportedly of a religious nature, as was his whole life. The coroner's office reported that Christopher died at 2 p.m.

In a statement issued today, Mayor David Richards said, "It is a pity that men like this must live, and eventually die, but it is for the benefit of the masses, which is of course what America is based on."

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and told twelve of his friends to pass out the food. "Weirdest thing I ever saw. We were the last of all those people to get our food, but when we did, there was plenty."

Davis said other "strange things" happened at the rally. "All the sick people, the addicts, the alcoholics, anybody who wanted to could walk up there and talk to the leader, and he'd joke with them and then get real serious. He'd lay his hand on their shoulder, and they'd come away completely cured." Davis's account of the meeting coincides with accounts by other witnesses.

The rally, although at first glance seeming to be the type to attract only the young, was attended by all types and ages of people. Many families also attended the rally.



## SUDDEN ECLIPSE HITS N.Y. AREA

NEW YORK (AP) Dec. 22, 1971--  
An unexpected eclipse occurred today much to the surprise of America's scientists and weathermen. At 2 p.m. the sky became totally dark in New York City, but unlike other eclipses, that was the only place that experienced the effects of the eclipse.

The sky was totally dark until 3 p.m., when the sun reappeared suddenly. Scientists remain puzzled.

## Police Discount Christopher Rumors

NEW YORK (AP) Dec. 25, 1971--  
Rumors that Jessu Christopher, executed civil rights leader from Israel, is really alive have been officially discounted.

In a statement issued today, Mayor David Richards said, "certain members of our society who claim they have seen, eaten and lived with Jessu Christopher since he was executed three days ago must be avoided. Although it is true that Christopher's body disappeared from sight under the noses of 100 trained guards, this is no reason to believe that he 'rose from the dead.' This whole incident can be logically explained, and as of this moment, many men are working on an explanation."