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A person living in central China wanted to become a Christian, but couldn't understand how Christianity was better than Confucianism or Buddhism. One morning he came to the missionary and said, "Last night I had a dream, and now I understand. I dreamed I had fallen into a deep pit where I lay helpless and desperate. Confucius came and said, 'Let me give you advice, my friend; if you get out of your trouble, never get in again.' Buddha came and said, 'If you can climb up to where I can reach you, I will help you.' But then Jesus came. He climbed down into the pit and carried me out."

The man understood, that only a Savior, a humble and loving redeemer, would stoop so low as to save sinful souls like ours. There are lots of philosophies and religions out there. But all of them, except Christianity, are rooted in some form of work-righteousness or appeasement. Only in Christianity is there a complete and eternal cleansing available free for the asking. The only thing God asks of us is humble submission and trust. In Jesus Christ, the Father has provided all that's necessary for forgiveness, wholeness, and eternal life.

John 1:1, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

No one else in history could make the claims Jesus made, and work the miracles He performed. There've been well-meaning teachers over the years. But they all died, and their bones remain in the earth. Jesus is the only one who carried the world's sins to their death. And as proof of His completion, He rose from the dead. His body is no longer in the tomb.