David Phelps, End Of The Beginning

Words & David Phelps

I was taking a trip on a plane the other day, just wishin that I could get out. When the man next to me saw the book in my hand and asked me what it was about. So I settled back in my seat. "A best-seller," I said, "a histry and a mystry in one.& Then I opened up the book and began to read from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John...

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He walked on the water, healed The lame, and made the blind to see again. And for the first time here on earth we learned that God could be a friend. And though He never, ever did a single thing wrong, the angry crowd chose Him. And then He walked down the road and died on the cross and that was the end...of the beginning.&guot;

"Thats not a new book, thats a Bible," he said, "And Ive heard it all before. Ive tried religion, its shame and guilt, and I dont need it anymore. Its superstation, made-up tales, just to help the weak to survive." "Let me read it again," I said, "But listen closely. This is gonna change your life." I said, "But listen closely.

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"The end of the beginning?" he said with a smile. "What more could there be? Hes dead. You said they hung Him, put nails in His hands and a crown of thorns on His head." I said, "Ill read it again, but this time theres more.

And I believe that this is true: His death wasnt the end but the beginning of life thats completed in y Dont you see, He did all this for you..."

"He was born of a virgin one holy night in the little town of Bethlehem. All the angels singing praises to the great I AM. He walked on the water, healed the lame, and made the blind to see. And for the first time here on earth, did you know that God could be a friend? And though He never, ever did a single thing wrong, He was the one the crowd chose. And then He walked and He died, but three days later, three days later, three days later... He rose! Three days later He rose!

You see, He came, He lived, and He died, but that was the end of the beginning.