



## Callum James

Hello my name is Callum James, I was born in 1989 in the city of Worcester and it was here I spent my primary school years.

I was brought up as a Christian and I made a personal decision to put my [trust in Jesus](#) at the age of five. At nine I was baptised (full immersion) in front of hundreds of people and gave my testimony, as a young boy I had a lot of zeal for the Bible, something which has always been part of me, even in my darkest years.

After a spell living in North East Lincolnshire, my family moved to the Isle of Man when I was fourteen. It was a disaster as my parents soon divorced and I became embroiled in many worldly pursuits. Worst of all for me was that I soon picked up an insatiable taste for alcohol, this was to dog me for all of my teenage years and even at sixteen I was receiving specialist help from psychiatrists and counsellors who were alarmed at the level of dependency I had developed. I hated school with a passion and although I attempted to stick to A-levels, depression and severe alcohol problems meant I didn't really stand a chance. At seventeen I left school and went on the dole.

Soon after my eighteenth birthday I began working full time in a busy pub. The calendar year in which I worked here was the worst of my life and it was here that I hit rock bottom. I was a full blown alcoholic and could no longer sleep unless I had drunk a substantial amount of alcohol. In this environment I got to see people from all different walks of life coming to worship the same thing, booze! I saw them try and hide the emptiness within and it horrified me to think that I was heading down the same path. It made me assess my life and want a way out, everyone was out for themselves and all were completely empty. I cried out to God to help me out of the mess I was in and soon he provided me with a job in England as an outdoor instructor for a Christian company. I battled for a year trying to reduce the drink and bring it under control, the centre I worked at were patient beyond measure and gave me all the support I needed to finally kick the habit. Without their unreserved support I would never have gotten away from that life and I know beyond doubt it was God's will for me to be there!

Over the next few years I slowly rebuilt my life and faith, I spent time at Birmingham City Mission and began studying for A-levels via a correspondence college. It was at this time that I began to realise, as I studied the word, that my life didn't really match up with the one taught by the Bible. I began to see myself as a modern carnal Christian, yes I didn't drink anymore but I still listened to music I shouldn't have, or watched films full of the glorification of sin. I decided to recommit my life to Jesus properly and give everything over to him. I knew I finally understood what it actually meant to 'believe on the Lord Jesus Christ', my whole focus in life has been different since that point.

Since then I have met the Time for Truth! team and found out the truth about the [Authorised Version Bible](#). It has been a great joy working with Time for Truth! and they have been very patient with me and have helped me to grow in grace. John once asked me the question 'Where is your Final Authority?' I had no real answer and although I initially thought the version issue

was madness, once I began to see the truth which had been hidden in plain sight, I began to realise it was madness not to have a Final Authority! I am so thankful to God that I can pick up his Holy word every day and draw refreshment from it with 100% confidence in the words I am reading.

Mid 2013 saw me move to Scotland to act as guardian to my youngest brother, although I struggled here at first I soon began to realise that I had a massive job to do! 2014 saw the Time for Truth! team agree to begin a branch of the ministry up in the highlands called [Time for Truth! Scotland](#) which I would operate. More than ever my desire is to study the word, live after righteousness and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost souls in this broken world!

I would like to share this great verse with you, it is the simplest way of expressing what the Lord means to me:

**John 12 v 46 'I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.'**