

Life After Death: 5 Near-Death Encounters with Jesus

We aren't supposed to talk about what happens after we die. In fact, our society trains us not to even think about it.

But the clock is ticking. Your body is wearing out and your time is limited. Of course, the truth is that your number could be up at any time.

If you died tonight, where would you go? The good news is that "the other side" is not a mystery. Countless numbers of people have been to "the other side" and have come back to tell us about it.

According to a study that was conducted in 2019, approximately 10% of the entire population has had a near death experience. In this article, I am going to share five examples of people who actually met Jesus during their near death experiences.

#1 A 6-year-old girl named Zola Tomic was in the hospital to have her tonsils removed, but after the surgery she "began to bleed and hemorrhage for nearly 10 days" due to a very rare genetic disorder. She lost a tremendous amount of blood and it was during this time that she met Jesus. After she recovered, she asked a question that absolutely floored her mother.

Zola asked her mom, "When can I go see God again?"

"It's something even to this day that I still can't even comprehend," Brittani said. "I was getting her ready and, it wasn't even like we were talking about anything God-related beforehand, we were just getting ready to go to gymnastics. And she just asked, 'When can I see God again?'"

Her mom was confused and taken aback by her question, so she asked Zola, "When did you see God?" Zola replied with the

most stunning statement, "The night I died."

During the time she was out of her body, Zola experienced many things. At one point, Jesus actually "thanked her for loving Him and being His friend."

Over time, Zola began to talk more and more about being with Jesus. She told her mother that she remembers God giving her a big hug. Zola said everything looked like a rainbow.

I can't even imagine how wonderful that must have been, and I am very thankful that Zola is sharing her story with the world.

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#2 A Georgia man named Mike McKinsey says that his appendix ruptured just before his son's wedding. He went to the hospital for surgery, and during that surgery he died and found himself standing directly in front of Jesus.

After becoming sick in the days before his son's wedding, he learned his appendix had ruptured. Surgery began—and then, he says, there was Jesus Christ, the Son and very incarnation of God Himself, right beside him.

With dark skin and blueish-green eyes, Jesus did not look like the man often depicted in the U.S., McKinsey said. Still, McKinsey said he knew exactly who he was looking at.

When Jesus started to speak to him, McKinsey quickly realized that he must be dead.

McKinsey said this was no dream or ghostly affair: Jesus was a physical, embodied presence, he said, adding that the Son of God held out His hand and said, "I want to answer your prayer."

McKinsey said he felt confused.

“And I thought, ‘Oh shoot, I was at the wedding—wait, I think I was having surgery by now, right?’—and trying to put it all together. And then I thought, ‘Oh my gosh, I think I’m dead.’”

The doctors were ultimately able to bring him back, but this is an experience that McKinsey will remember for the rest of his life.

#3 When author Randy Kay died, he also had an encounter with Jesus, and he says that he was absolutely overwhelmed by the love that he felt.

Kay recalled feeling compelled to call out Jesus’ name at one point during the experience. After doing so, he said he was immediately next to a figure whom he knew was Christ.

“I was so overwhelmed with emotion, and my first thought was, ‘So, this is love?’ And I just caved,” he said. “And I started shouting every superlative I could think of – ‘Praise you, Lord God!’ And then He reached down, and He wrapped His arms around me.”

Kay described feeling an unimaginable love in those moments—something he called the “most incredible experience,” with Jesus imploring Kay to trust Him.

Ultimately, Kay said God told him he needed to return home, a reality that left him deeply saddened, considering the paradise he was experiencing.

Love that is so powerful that it is beyond words is a common theme in near death experiences. Without a doubt, virtually all of us would like to personally experience that sort of love.

#4 Meeting Jesus is most certainly not just a western phenomenon. For example, the son of a Muslim sheik in Rwanda had a truly remarkable encounter with Jesus when he died.

Swidiq, the son of a Muslim sheik, grew up in Rwanda during the genocide. When he died and had an NDE, he found himself in a hellish place. Into this darkness came a man of light, bright like the sun.

"He lifted His hands slightly, with palms up, revealing holes in each hand...He spoke, clear and firm, 'I died for mankind. And you are among those I died for. Do not deny it again. You must tell others,'" Swidiq said.

#5 All over the world, people are coming face to face with the Son of God. All her life, a 16-year-old Jewish girl named Heidi was told that there is no God and that Jesus is a hoax, but then she personally met Jesus during her near death experience.

Heidi's family was Jewish, but her atheist father chanted a mantra to her daily, "There is no God. When you die, you cease to exist. Jesus Christ was the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on mankind."

Despite this, Heidi prayed to God every night and felt God near her, comforting her through the abuses of her childhood. At 16, when Heidi's horse reared back and landed on her, she found herself up in the air looking down on the accident. A brilliant light shone from behind her.

"I turned to look, and I saw a man floating there with me...I recognized Him immediately. How could I not? This was the man, God, who had been at my bedside every single night...There was no doubt in my mind, not one. This man was, without question, Jesus, or Yeshua," she recalled. "His was the name I'd never been allowed to utter in my home...What a joyous occasion! He grinned at me, every bit as happy as I was,

happier, because He is all joy, and He is all happiness."

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It is very important to note that all near death experiences are not positive.

In fact, some are absolutely terrifying.

When journalist Sebastian Junger died, a giant black pit opened up underneath him and he felt like he was being pulled directly into it.

"The doctor was busy trying to put a large-gauge needle into my jugular vein through my neck. They numb you with lidocaine, so actually I didn't feel much except the pressure. But at any rate, they were working on that and it seemed to take a long time and suddenly this black pit opened up underneath me and it felt as though I was getting pulled into it.

"You can think of me as extremely drunk. I'm like, 'Whoa, what's that?' It didn't occur to me that a black pit suddenly appearing makes no sense. I was just like, 'Oh, there's the pit. Why am I getting pulled into it?'

"I didn't know I was dying, but I sort of had this animal sense that you don't want to go into the infinitely black pit that just opened up underneath you, that's just a bad idea. And if you get sucked in there, you're probably not coming back. That was the feeling I had about it."

Everyone is going somewhere. Which side will you choose?

Please choose wisely, and please share these testimonies with as many people as you can because the clock is ticking for all

of us.

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