

引言 INTRODUCTION

I do not know about you, but I find myself more reluctant to change as I age. I am often even fearful about new technology. A few years ago, a brother told me: “You need to install WeChat app on your phone.” He was not making a suggestion. It was a command. Therefore, I did. It is true that WeChat is a convenient tool to communicate with people. I felt great that I finally caught up with the trend. My pride was crushed when an elderly sister called me from overseas. Then I realized that I could actually make free phone calls with the app! A city boy thus crawled back to the mountain and remained as a caveman. It does not matter much whether you use WeChat or even if you own a cell-phone. However, receiving salvation is a change that is critical to every person. So far in the book of Romans Paul reiterates that a person can only be saved by God’s grace through faith. Unknown to our personal response, God sovereignly elected those He intended to save. Then there is a third truth that applies to the Jews. God will not forget His promise to Israel. The remnants of Israel will eventually be saved. Those three notions are like three threads that intertwine in a braided rope. In our passage today, Paul further explains why some of the Jews are not saved. There is a human reason behind their choice. The same principle is relevant to us too when we share the gospel. What does it take for a person to become a believer? The answer is simply this: there is no salvation unless there is a change of heart.

解釋 EXPLANATION

1. 神的救恩步驟 God’s Salvation Path

Paul begins by telling us God’s salvation path. The progression is the same for people of any race. But it is evident that he has the Jews in mind in his applications. Paul breaks it down to six steps in verses 14-15: God sends out His messengers, they preach the good news, people hear the message, they believe, they call on the Lord and are saved. That echoes with what Paul says in **verse 13** when he quotes the prophet Joel: ... “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Eventually people have to make a decision on whether or not to get saved. To do so, they have to realize their sinful condition and cry out to God for help. Then in verses 17, Paul highlights three of the six stages: hearing the gospel message that is centered on the word of Christ, it enters into the hearts of the listeners, then they respond with faith to accept it. When we look down the list, we can deduce why some of the Jews were not saved. Did God send out His heralds? Yes, there were prophets in the Old Testament and apostles in the New Testament. God even sent His Son Jesus to bring the good news of the Kingdom of God. Did those messengers faithfully convey the message? Indeed, they did. Some of them even died for their faith. Did people hear the gospel? They surely did. The reason why they were not saved has to do with the remaining steps. They did not believe in what they heard. Therefore, they did not call on the Lord. That is a universal situation for non-believers of any race. But to the Israelites, the hindrance is about Christ. Paul tells us in **verse 16**: But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” The word “accept” means to obey a command. The Chinese Union Version aptly uses two words to render it. It is not just hearing the message, but also following the instructions. It is like when we tell kids to listen to their

parents. It means that their ears have to motivate their hearts and activate their actions. The same responses are required when people hear the gospel. Paul quotes from the book of Isaiah in the verse. The context is the famous “Suffering Servant” passage in Isaiah chapter 53. We often read the section in Easter. The prophet depicts the Messiah as a lamb being dragged to a slaughter house. He was a humble servant. He did not have an impressive appearance that attracts people’s attention. He was despised by the public, beaten and eventually killed by His enemies. But it was God’s design to afflict this servant. He was crushed for the sins of mankind. He was our ultimate atoning sacrifice. The Israelites were anticipating their Messiah to come as a mighty general. Therefore, Isaiah and Paul ask the same question: “Who will accept a message that is contrary to their expectation?” They rejected the message because they rejected the Messiah. Therefore, some Jews were not saved. What do you want your friends to believe in when you invite them to the church or when you share the gospel with them? They must accept the words and works of Jesus. He is the one and only true God. He came into our world to preach the good news. He died on the cross for our sins and was raised on the third day. People have to believe in Jesus not only because it is a free gift from God. It is also because we are sinners, and apart from Christ there is no salvation. People also have to commit their lives to Christ and receive Him as their Lord. Theologians called it “Lordship salvation.” From now on, we will obey God’s Word in the Bible and practice God’s truth in our daily life. For a person to receive Christ, his/her mind, emotion and will all have to submit to Christ. On the intellectual level, one has to agree with the content of the gospel. His/her heart also has to be moved by God’s unconditional and sacrificial love demonstrated on the cross. But most importantly, the person must also surrender himself/herself to follow Jesus. Every often, people are hesitant in the third step. After I share the gospel, I will ask the listeners: “Do you have any question about what I just said?” They answered: “No. Everything seems clear to me.” Then I inquired: “Are you touched by Jesus’ love?” They responded: “Very much!” I went on to invite them: “Do you want to commit your life to the Lord?” They reacted: “Let me think about it.” God never guarantees us that every person we reach out to will say yes to the gospel. How many of us gladly accepted the invitation the first time we heard the good news? Perhaps very few. We are just messengers. Ultimately, it is the Holy Spirit who awakens people’s souls and convicts their hearts. There is a saying that I find helpful: what people reject is not us, but the Lord. Therefore, do not feel that you fail because people do not accept Jesus. Do not give up! Paul says: how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Evangelism is a task God entrusts to every Christian. It is not an obligation only for the pastors or your layman leaders. When you see the Lord in glory, He will not ask about your salary, how big your house is or what kind of car you drive. Most definitely, He will ask what you have done for God’s Kingdom after you became a Christian. One indicator of your diligence is how eager you are to tell others about Jesus. God may not ask you to stand on the podium to preach an evangelistic message. You may have the courage to knock on strangers’ doors. I told Pastor Bill that I am a chicken. I am not as bold as him to stand outside grocery stores to pass out gospel tracks. But I love to chat with seeker friends and answer their questions about our faith. I can open the Bible and point them to relevant passages. God will help you develop your means of evangelism. You have good friends, colleagues or relatives who do not know Christ. They will not beat you up when you tell them what you believe. Ask God to give you an opportunity to start a conversation with them about Christianity.

2. 神的挽回行動 God’s Salvaging Plan

God's only salvation path is through Jesus Christ. Some of the Jews were not saved because they rejected their Messiah. But as Paul says all along, God has not forgotten His people. Therefore, God has a salvaging plan to reclaim some of them. In his discussion, Paul quotes the Old Testament to indict the Jews. He asks two rhetorical questions. The first question is in **verse 18**: But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." Paul is citing Psalm 19. In the original context, the psalmist states that God's character is evident in His creation. Theologians call it God's general revelation. By observing nature, people can somehow discern that God exists. Paul borrows the idea to say that the gospel is also spread throughout the world. In the first century, "the ends of the world" refers to the edge of the Roman Empire. People thought that the earth is flat and they had no idea what lies beyond Spain outside of the Mediterranean Sea. Acts chapter 8 tells us that after Stephen's martyrdom, Christians from the Jerusalem church scattered to different places. They took the gospel with them. Those believers testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. That was the focus in Peter's message in Acts 2 when he preached to a Jewish audience coming from various parts of the Empire. Let us read **verse 36**: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Many of the listeners were cut to their hearts after they heard the message. Three thousand of them repented of their sins and were saved at the meeting. Jews in many parts of the Roman Empire had heard the gospel. Therefore, they could not deny that they were ignorant of the message. Paul's second question is in **verse 19**: Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, "I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding." Paul attests that they surely understood the message. Here, Paul quotes from Deuteronomy. It is part of Moses' farewell speech before the Israelites entered Canaan. God foretold His people that they would disobey Him in the future, just like what their ancestors did since they left Egypt. They provoked God's jealousy by idol worship. As part of God's discipline to them, God would rouse their jealousy by making the Gentiles His people. In the Old Testament, God had disclosed His plan to save those foreigners. When Paul embarked on his mission trip, at first, he only shared the gospel to the Jews. Acts 13 records that he preached a message in a synagogue in Pisidian Antioch (in the nowadays Turkey). Besides the Jews, there were some Gentiles who were converted to Judaism in the audience. Paul spoke from the history of Israel to prove that Jesus was the Messiah. The message was well-accepted by many. Therefore, people invited Paul to come back on the following Sabbath. Almost everyone in town came to hear Paul. However, the Jews were not happy about it. Listen to their reaction in **verse 45** of the chapter: When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying. What were they jealous about? It was the same jealousy the religious leaders felt when Jesus was widely-welcome by the crowd. People felt insecure because Jesus and Paul got all the attention and even snatched their followers. Paul reacted in the **next verse**: Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles." The Jews was envious but the Gentiles in the congregation gladly accepted the message. Some of them were saved on the spot. Throughout the whole Bible, jealousy is a tactic in God's salvaging plan to call back the Israelites. We parents know that this trick works quite effectively. For example, your little kids do not like the clothes or toys you buy for them. You say to them: "Fine. I'll give them to Johnny or Rosie." When your kids see the next-door neighbors take possession of what is supposed to belong to them, they will be quite jealous. They will protest: "It's not fair. Those are my stuff!" Hopefully, they will learn to cherish what dad

and mom give them next time. The Jews are jealous because God calls the Gentiles to become His people. God hopes that such jealousy will cause many Jews to come back to Him. We feel jealous too when others have better things. I wonder if our non-believing friends will be envious when they look at us. Some of them may be striving to earn more by working overtime, taking a second job or investing their money. They are tired, anxious but never satisfied. But we are content with what we have. We even have free time to spend with family. They insist to send their kids to so-called renowned colleges. But we trust that following God's guidance in life is more important than going to certain schools. They are overcome by fear in the pandemic. But they are surprised by the peace they see in us. They feel that compassion will be taken advantage of. They find ways to make even when being offended. They cannot understand the freedom of forgiveness. I try to exaggerate the contrasts a little bit. Please do not get mad at my comparison as if non-believers are all bad people. There are a lot of loving, generous and morally-upright non-Christians. But if people who do not believe in Jesus can live a respectable life, how much more should we as God's children display godly characters? Let us encourage one another to bear a good witness to the world that we practice what we believe. In doing so, people will crave after the eternal life we have. God stirs up jealousy in the Jews to call them back. He will not abandon His people. Paul concludes the chapter in **verse 21** by quoting Isaiah's words again: But concerning Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people." There are two key notions here. First, the Israelites are rebellious. But second, God will not give up on them. He will keep waving them to come home. You may run into people who are intelligent and full of knowledge. They heard the gospel before. The problem is not that they do not know the good news. The issue is that they do not believe in the message. What they need may not be more information. What they need is transformation in their hearts. Then they will humble themselves before the Almighty God, confess their sins and accept Jesus.

結論 CONCLUSION

There is no salvation unless there is a change of heart. Jesus is the only way to salvation. Christians are always the minority in the society. We are facing an uphill battle when we try to convince a stubborn race with the gospel. Jews and Gentiles alike, they are sinful and disobedient. God has charged us to preach a message that most people do not like to listen. It was the same situation when Elon Musk began his mission to make electric cars. In 2003, General Motors eliminated their production of electric vehicles. The company did not see a promising market for them. It recalled all the electric cars from customers and crushed them in junkyards. Musk realized that the only way to make electric cars would be to build a new company. Thus, Tesla was born. It was a huge success. Musk could have reaped great profit with a monopoly. But he did something many people considered as crazy. Musk shared much of the patented technology to his competitors. Why did he do that? Musk's mission is bigger than his own company. He is hoping that more manufacturers will make electric vehicles so that together they will help reduce the global carbon emission. While many people like Musk cares about the environment, God loves the mankind even more. He entrusts us with the obligation to share the gospel. We will be faithful if we truly understand how important the message is. Only Jesus can save the world.

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我不曉得你是怎樣性情的人，但是我發現自己隨著年齡的增長，就越不願意改變。我常常甚至對新的科技感到恐懼。幾年前，一個弟兄告訴我：「你要在手機上安裝微信。」他不是提出建議。那是一個命令。因此，我就照著做了。微信的確是個很方便的通訊工具。我感到非常得意，終於趕上了潮流。當一個年長的姐妹從海外給我打電話時，我的驕傲被粉碎了。我才發現原來可以用微信打免費電話！於是一個城市男孩就這樣爬回深山去，做回山頂洞人。不論你有沒有使用微信還是有沒有手機都不太重要。但是，獲得救恩對於每個人來說都是至關重要的。到目前為止，保羅在《羅馬書》中重申，只有靠信心接受神的恩典才能得救。在我們不知道的情況下，神運用主權揀選了祂打算拯救的人。除這些之外，還有第三個真理適用於猶太人。就是神不會忘記祂對以色列的應許。以色列的餘民將最終得到拯救。這三個概念就像是三根線編成的繩子。保羅在今天的經文中進一步解釋了為什麼有些猶太人沒有得救。他們的選擇背後有一個人為的因素。當我們和別人分享福音時，這個原則對我們也同樣重要。一個人如何才能成為信徒？答案很簡單：如果一個人的心意沒有被改變，那麼他不可能得救。

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保羅首先告訴我們神的救恩步驟。對於任何種族的人來說，那些步驟都是一樣的。我們會注意到，保羅在他的經文應用中考慮到猶太人。保羅在第 14-15 節中提到六個步驟：神差遣祂的使者、他們去傳福音、人們聽到這個信息、他們相信、他們求告主、然後得救了。這與保羅在第 13 節中引用先知約珥時所說的相呼應：...「**凡求告主名的，就必得救。**」最終，人們必須決定是否要得救。他們必須意識到自己的罪，才會向神呼求。然後在第 17 節中，保羅強調了六個階段中的其中三個：聆聽以基督為中心的福音信息、信息進入聽眾的心中、然後他們以信心回應並接受它。當我們看這些清單時，我們可以推斷出為什麼一些猶太人沒有得救。神有否差遣祂的使者？有的，舊約時有先知，新約時有使徒。神甚至差遣祂的兒子耶穌帶來天國的好消息。這些使者是否忠實地傳達了信息？他們確實做到了。他們有些人甚至因此殉道。人們聽到福音了嗎？他們確實聽到了。他們沒有得救是與其餘的步驟有關。他們不相信所聽到的。因此，他們沒有向主呼求。對於任何種族的非信徒來說，這是個普遍的問題。但是對以色列人來說，他們的障礙是關於基督。保羅在第 16 節告訴我們：**只是人沒有都聽從福音，因為以賽亞說：「主啊，我們所傳的有**

誰信呢？」「聽從」一詞的意思是實行命令。中文和合本聖經恰當地使用兩個字來表達。它不僅是聽到信息，而且還服從指示去做。就像我們告訴孩子要聽父母的話一樣。這意味著他們的耳朵必須激勵他們的心並付出行動。當人們聽到福音時，也需要有同樣的回應。保羅引用了以賽亞書中的經文。背景是第 53 章中著名的「受苦的僕人」的描述。我們經常在復活節讀那一段經文。先知將彌賽亞形容為一隻被拖到屠宰場的羔羊。祂是一位謙卑的僕人。祂沒有出眾的外表吸引人們的注意。祂被群眾鄙視、毆打並最終被敵人殺害。但是這位僕人的受苦是出於神的旨意。祂是為人類的罪而被殺。祂是我們終極的贖罪祭。以色列人期待著他們的彌賽亞是個顯赫的將軍。因此，以賽亞和保羅問了同樣的問題：「誰會接受與他們的期望相反的信息？」他們拒絕這個信息，因為他們拒絕彌賽亞。因此，一些猶太人沒有得救。當你邀請朋友參加聚會或與他們分享福音時，你希望他們相信什麼？他們必須接受耶穌的言行。祂是唯一的真神。祂來到我們的世界宣講好消息。祂因我們的罪死在十字架上，三天後復活。人們必須相信耶穌，不僅因為祂是神的免費禮物，也是因為我們是罪人。除了基督，沒有救恩。人們還必須將生命獻給基督，並接受基督成為他們生命的主宰。神學家稱之為「主權救恩」。從今以後，我們將遵守聖經的話語，並在日常生活中實踐神的真理。一個人要接受基督，他的知識、情感和意志三方面都必須順服基督。在知識上，他必須同意福音的內容。他的心靈也必須被神在十字架上所表現出的無條件和犧牲的愛所感動。但最重要的是，這個人還必須在意志上降服，願意跟隨耶穌。人們常常在第三步中猶豫不決。我和別人分享福音後，我都會問對方：「你對我剛才說的有任何疑問嗎？」他們回答：「沒有。一切對我來說似乎都很清楚。」然後我問：「你被耶穌的愛感動了嗎？」他們回答：「是的！」我繼續邀請他們：「你願意把生命獻給主嗎？」他們回答：「讓我考慮一下。」神從不保證我們所接觸的每一個人都會接受福音。我們當中有多少人是第一次聽到這個好消息欣然地接受的？也許很少。我們只是福音的使者。最終，是聖靈喚醒人們的靈魂並指出他們的罪。有一句話對我很有幫助：人們拒絕的不是我們，而是神。因此，不要因為別人不接受耶穌而感到沮喪。不要放棄！保羅說：沒有傳福音的人，人們怎麼能聽到呢？傳福音是神託付給每一個基督徒的責任。這不僅是牧師或平信徒領袖的義務。當你在榮耀裡見主的面時，祂不會問你的工資多少、房子有多大或你開什麼汽車。但肯定的是，祂會問你成為基督徒之後，你為神的國做了什麼。你的忠心是表現在傳福音的熱心。神可能不會要求你站在講台上傳福音。你可能有勇氣敲陌生人的門。我告訴高牧師，我是個膽小鬼。我不像他有膽量站在超市的門口發單張。但是我喜歡和福音朋友聊天，並回答他們關於信仰的問題。我可以打開聖經，以相關的經文來解釋。神會幫助你發展你傳福音的方法。你有不認識基督的好朋友、同事或親戚。當你告訴他們你的信仰時，他們不會打你一頓。求神給你機會，與他人展開有關基督教的對話。

2. 神的挽回行動 God's Salvaging Plan

神唯一的救恩步驟是通過耶穌基督。一些猶太人沒有得救，因為他們拒絕了他們的彌賽亞。但是正如保羅一直說的，神並沒有忘記祂的子民。因此，神執行一個挽回行動來贖回其中一些人。保羅引用了舊約的經文來定猶太人的罪。他提出了兩個問題。第一個問題在第 18 節中：**但我說，人沒有聽見嗎？誠然聽見了。他們的聲音傳遍天下；他們的言語傳到地極。**保羅引用了《詩篇》19 篇。在原本的經文中，詩人說神的屬性在祂的創造中是顯而易見的。神學家稱它為神的普遍啟示。通過觀察大自然，人們可以推敲神的存在。保羅借用這個描述說福音也傳遍了世界。在第一世紀，「地極」是指羅馬帝國的邊緣。當時人們以為地球是平坦的，他們不知道地中海和西班牙以外是什麼地方。使徒行傳第 8 章告訴我們，在司提反殉道之後，耶路撒冷教會的基督徒分散到不同的地方。他們也帶著福音出去。這些信徒向猶太人證明耶穌是彌賽亞。彼得在使徒行傳第 2 章向來自羅馬帝國各地的猶太聽眾講道時，也是提到同樣的重點。讓我們讀第 36 節：**「故此，以色列全家當確實的知道，你們釘在十字架上的這位耶穌，神已經立他為主，為基督了。」**聽到這段信息後，許多聽眾覺得扎心。他們中的三千人認罪悔改，在聚會中得救了。羅馬帝國許多地方的猶太人都聽到了福音。因此，他們不能否認自己對這個好消息一無所知。保羅的第二個問題在第 19 節中：**我再說，以色列人不知道嗎？先有摩西說：我要用那不成子民的，惹動你們的憤恨；我要用那無知的民觸動你們的怒氣。**保羅證明他們確實理解這個信息。保羅在此引用了申命記。這是摩西在以色列人進入迦南之前告別演說的一部分。神預告祂的子民將來會背叛祂，就像他們的祖先離開埃及以來所做的一樣。他們因為敬拜偶像激起了神的嫉妒。作為神對他們的管教，神通過讓外邦人成為祂的子民來惹起他們的嫉妒。在舊約中，神已經顯明了祂打算拯救外邦人的計劃。保羅在起初的宣教旅程中，只向猶太人分享福音。使徒行傳十三章記載他在彼西底的安提阿（今日的土耳其）一所猶太會堂宣講了一篇信息。除了猶太人外，還有一些歸信猶太教的外邦人在其中。保羅引述以色列的歷史，證明耶穌是彌賽亞。他的信息被許多人所接受。因此，人們邀請保羅在下一個安息日繼續講。幾乎當地的所有居民都來聽保羅。但是，猶太人對此並不滿意。我們從第 45 節中看到他們的反應：**但猶太人看見人這樣多，就滿心嫉妒，硬駁保羅所說的話，並且毀謗。**他們為何嫉妒？當耶穌受到人群的廣泛歡迎時，宗教領袖們也感到同樣的嫉妒。他們感到不安，因為耶穌和保羅被群眾接納，甚至搶走了他們的跟隨者。保羅在下一節經文中做出了回應：**保羅和巴拿巴放膽說：「神的道先講給你們原是應當的；只因你們棄絕這道，斷定自己不配得永生，我們就轉向外邦人去。」**猶太人嫉妒，但會眾中的外邦人欣然接受了福音信息。其中一些人當場得救。在整本聖經中，嫉妒是神挽回以色列人的行動中的方法之一。父母們都知道，這一招非常有效。例如，你的小孩不喜歡你買給他們的衣服或玩具。你就對他們說：「沒關係。我把東西送給小強或蘭蘭。」當你的孩子看到鄰居的小朋友擁有本來屬於他們的東西時，他們會很嫉妒。他們會抗議：「這不公平。那是我的東西！」學了教訓後，希望他們下一次好好珍惜爸爸媽媽給他們的東西。猶太人嫉妒，因為神呼召外邦人成為祂的子民。神希望這種嫉妒會使許多猶太人回到祂身邊。當別人擁有更好的東

西時，我們也會感到嫉妒。我不曉得我們的朋友是否也會因為我們信主而產生嫉妒。他們其中的一些人可能通過加班、做第二份工作或投資來賺更多的錢。他們身心疲倦、焦慮、但從未感到滿足。但是我們對自己所擁有的覺得知足。我們甚至有空閒時間與家人相聚。他們堅持要把孩子送到所謂的名校。但是我們相信，遵循神的話語過生活比讀某些學校更重要。他們在大流行中被恐懼克服了。但是他們看到我們平安的表現感到驚訝。他們覺得同情心會被人利用。他們如果被冒犯的話會找方法擺平。他們無法理解寬恕別人的自由。我是把對比誇大。請不要為我的舉例而生氣，好像非信徒都是壞人。有很多非基督徒都有愛心、慷慨和品行端正的。但是，如果不相信耶穌的人能夠活出好榜樣，那麼作為神的兒女，我們豈不是更應該有敬虔的表現嗎？讓我們彼此鼓勵，向世界證明我們把信仰實踐在生活裡。這樣做的話，人們便會渴望得到我們所擁有的永生。神激起猶太人的嫉妒，呼召他們回來。神不會放棄祂的子民。保羅在第 21 節結束這一章時再次引用了以賽亞的話：**至於以色列人，他說：「我整天伸手招呼那悖逆頂嘴的百姓。」**這裡有兩個關鍵的概念。首先，以色列人是叛逆的。但是第二，神不會放棄他們。祂會繼續招手邀請他們回家。你可能會遇到一些既聰明又有學問的人。他們以前聽過福音。問題不在於他們不知道這個好消息。問題是他們不相信。他們所需要的可能不是更多的資訊。他們需要的是內心的轉變。然後他們才會在全能的神面前謙卑自己，認罪並接受耶穌。

結論 CONCLUSION

如果一個人的心意沒有被改變，那麼他不可能得救。耶穌是得救的唯一途徑。基督徒永遠是社會上的少數民族。當我們試圖向頑固的人群傳福音時，我們會面臨一場艱苦的爭戰。猶太人和外邦人都一樣，他們有罪而且不願意聽。神把這個吃力不討好的責任交給我們。當初埃隆·馬斯克 (Elon Musk) 開始製造電動汽車時可能也是面對類似的局面。2003 年，通用汽車取消了電動汽車的生產。該公司沒有看到這種產品的市場。它召回了客戶的所有電動汽車，並將它們拖到廢車場壓扁。馬斯克意識到，製造電動汽車的唯一方法是建立新公司。因此，特斯拉 (Tesla) 便誕生了。他獲得很大的成功。馬斯克本可以通過壟斷市場而得到豐厚的利潤。但是他做了一件很多人認為是瘋狂的事情。馬斯克與競敵分享了許多專利的技術。他為什麼那樣做？馬斯克的理想比他自己的公司更大。他希望有更多的製造商生產電動汽車，如此便可以一起減低全球的碳排放量。儘管許多像馬斯克這樣的人都重視環保，但神卻更愛人類。祂託付我們承擔傳福音的任務。如果我們真正了解這個信息的重要性，我們就會盡忠職守。因為只有耶穌才能拯救世界。