



Life Jacket



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This hi-viz belongs to one of my daughters – a bit small for me! They often wear them when they ride along the pavement on their bikes.

They don't call it a hi-viz though They know it helps keep them safe and so they have always called it a life jacket.

What do you have that keeps you safe?

Of course we're familiar with face coverings, keeping distance from one another, we have speed limits and breaks on bikes and cars. We are surrounded by things that are there to keep us safe.

As Christians, sometimes we talk about Jesus saving us.

We call Jesus the Saviour of the World.

Saviour – literally means someone who saves someone else from danger.

Jesus is, in many ways, a life jacket for us, for me, for you, for all the world.

In John 12:46-47 we read Jesus say:

'I have come as light to the world, so that everyone who believes in me will not be in darkness, I came, not to judge the world, but to save the world'

I have come as light to the world: A bit like a fluorescent jacket, Jesus offers light. Jesus light is not for a limited group people Jesus has written down on a list – Jesus says this light is for all the world – ***whoever believes will not be in darkness*** There's no limit to who can be saved by Jesus' light – simply believe Jesus is who he says he is – the light of the world, the son of God.

Know the Jesus is not here to judge – but save I would look pretty ridiculous if I went out trying to wear this wouldn't I – I may get a few judgmental looks!

Well we're reminded here that Jesus doesn't judge us, and Jesus doesn't judge you – Jesus doesn't look at us and criticise us – Jesus came because of God's love for the world, ***to save the world.***

And if you're watching this from the world – then my friend that includes you!

If you want to know more about Jesus do get in touch via social media, email, old fashioned telephone – we would love to talk with you.

