



Up for the Cup

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SPECIAL EDITION

2018 World Cup Results | First Round (starts June 14, 2018)

Group A	Russia ____ Saudi Arabia ____ June 14	Russia ____ Egypt ____ June 19	Saudi Arabia ____ Egypt ____ June 25
	Egypt ____ Uruguay ____ June 15	Uruguay ____ Saudi Arabia ____ June 20	Uruguay ____ Russia ____ June 25
Group B	Morocco ____ Iran ____ June 15	Portugal ____ Morocco ____ June 20	Iran ____ Portugal ____ June 25
	Portugal ____ Spain ____ June 15	Iran ____ Spain ____ June 20	Spain ____ Morocco ____ June 25
Group C	France ____ Australia ____ June 16	France ____ Peru ____ June 21	Australia ____ Peru ____ June 26
	Peru ____ Denmark ____ June 16	Denmark ____ Australia ____ June 21	Denmark ____ France ____ June 26
Group D	Argentina ____ Iceland ____ June 16	Argentina ____ Croatia ____ June 21	Iceland ____ Croatia ____ June 26
	Croatia ____ Nigeria ____ June 16	Nigeria ____ Iceland ____ June 22	Nigeria ____ Argentina ____ June 26
Group E	Costa Rica ____ Serbia ____ June 17	Brazil ____ Costa Rica ____ June 22	Serbia ____ Brazil ____ June 27
	Brazil ____ Switzerland ____ June 17	Serbia ____ Switzerland ____ June 22	Switzerland ____ Costa Rica ____ June 27
Group F	Germany ____ Mexico ____ June 17	Germany ____ Sweden ____ June 23	South Korea ____ Germany ____ June 27
	Sweden ____ South Korea ____ June 18	South Korea ____ Mexico ____ June 23	Mexico ____ Sweden ____ June 27
Group G	Belgium ____ Panama ____ June 18	Belgium ____ Tunisia ____ June 23	England ____ Belgium ____ June 28
	Tunisia ____ England ____ June 18	England ____ Panama ____ June 24	Panama ____ Tunisia ____ June 28
Group H	Poland ____ Senegal ____ June 19	Japan ____ Senegal ____ June 24	Japan ____ Poland ____ June 28
	Colombia ____ Japan ____ June 19	Poland ____ Colombia ____ June 24	Senegal ____ Colombia ____ June 28

The Final Play

The soccer game begins with the whistle and the kickoff. The first forty-five minutes pass with risky plays made by both teams, sometimes in defense, sometimes on offense. At halftime the coach may make some changes in the formation

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The Final Play

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to make his team more effective in order to gain the victory they covet.

The second half begins. Minute by minute the fervor and enthusiasm grow, and even from afar one can hear the fans screaming for their teams. The referee's whistle marks the end of the game. The outcome cannot be changed.

The mistakes made by the team which lost cannot be changed nor can the plays made by the winning team be repeated. After the final play the match is over.

This is a brief description of a soccer game. Your life can be described in a similar way. It began the day you were born, and throughout it is a stream of victories and failures, gains and losses, happiness and sorrow.

One day your life will end and the final result will be irrevocable. There will be no "replay" button to push in an attempt to change your bad decisions or work on a broken relationship.

The Bible, in one of its timeless statements, says that *"...man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment"*. You don't know when your life will end. After it does end, it is



too late to make any decision about where you will spend eternity.

It does not matter what language you speak, what education you have, how wealthy you are or even how religious your are, or are not. Your life will end some day and you will be victorious... or defeated... forever!

The good news is that you can decide right now to be a winner. You can repent of having offended God, and accept Jesus Christ as the One who paid the penalty for your disobedience to God with His blood. Then you will have eternal life and you will not need to fear being judged by Him when the last minute of your life is gone.

In His own words Jesus Christ said, *"He who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life"*. Make that your decision now, before the final play, and be a winner for eternity!

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Who's to blame?

The euphoria and enthusiasm of the World Cup of Soccer is unparalleled. Millions of soccer fans think of nothing else during those days. Some people remember the special times when they enjoyed an excellent game or were disappointed because their team was unable to win.

It seems like there is always someone to blame when a team loses. Some feel the referee's calls were wrong, or maybe the coach didn't motivate the players as he should have, or that the goalie was not in a good position at the time. It was somebody's fault, for sure!

In our daily life we have the tendency to blame others for whatever affects us. We find it hard to take responsibility. Very often we say, "This is not right! This is unfair!"

Even if we are not religious, we can consider history and look at it with objectivity and see that the death of Jesus Christ was the greatest injustice that was ever committed.

Why did Jesus Christ die? If we say that He was crucified because the Romans and the Jews conspired to kill Him, we should consider what Jesus Himself declared: *"I lay down my life that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me'.* In other

words, Jesus died by His own will although the authorities and the rulers in those times crucified Him.

We are all guilty of Christ's death. However, how is it possible that we can be guilty of something that took place hundreds of years ago before we were even born? Paul the apostle wrote to the believers in Rome and indicated that all of us have disobeyed God's commandments. We're all guilty.

The Bible also says that we have a debt with God that we cannot pay by ourselves. The payment is eternal death. Without accepting Jesus' payment for our debt, we will be in hell, eternally separated from God. But God will remove our guilt when we accept His love and Jesus' payment on the cross.

You can come to Him with a sincere heart, confess your sins and ask God for His forgiveness. Believe that Jesus Christ died in your place to pay your debt and He will give you eternal life. He will make you His child and you will be part of His family forever.

If you want to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, you can do it this, repent of your sins and ask God to come into your heart. This is the most important decision you can make in your entire life.



2018 World Cup Results | Elimination Rounds

Final eight (FO) | June 30

1st A _____ June 30	Final eight 1 _____	2nd B _____
1st B _____ July 1	Final eight 2 _____	2nd D _____
1st C _____ June 30	Final eight 3 _____	2nd A _____
1st D _____ July 1	Final eight 4 _____	2nd C _____
1st E _____ July 2	Final eight 5 _____	2nd F _____
1st G _____ July 2	Final eight 6 _____	2nd H _____
1st F _____ July 3	Final eight 7 _____	2nd E _____
1st H _____ July 3	Final eight 8 _____	2nd G _____

Quarter Finals (QF) | July 6

F05 _____ July 6	Quarter Final 1 _____	F07 _____
F01 _____ July 6	Quarter Final 2 _____	F03 _____
F06 _____ July 7	Quarter Final 3 _____	F08 _____
F02 _____ July 7	Quarter Final 4 _____	F04 _____

Semi Finals (SF) | July 10

QF1 _____ July 10	Final 1 _____	QF3 _____
QF2 _____ July 11	Final 2 _____	QF4 _____

Third Place | July 14 (semifinal losers)

SF1 _____ July 14	SF2 _____
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Final | July 15 (semifinal winners)

SF1 _____ July 15	SF2 _____
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WORLD CHAMPION: _____



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