

# WHY DID JESUS DIE?

## INTRODUCTION

The death of Jesus is one of the foundation facts of Christianity.

The question we now ask is, "Why did Jesus die?"

## 1. JESUS KNEW HE WOULD DIE

Just before His crucifixion, Jesus foretold of this event 3 times:

(Matthew 16:21) "From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

(Matthew 17:22-23) "Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful."

(Matthew 20:17-20) "Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the 12 disciples aside on the road and said to them, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

And giving a lesson of serving, He said, (v28) "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

## 2. HE DIED

(Luke 23:46) "And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit. Having said this, **He breathed His last.**"

(v50-53) "Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and **asked for the body** of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, **and laid it in a tomb** that was hewn out of a rock, where no one had ever lain before."

"Death" means "separation." - the spirit separates from the body, with the spirit returning to God and the body remains here for burial. In funeral-talk, they may refer to the body as the "remains."

(Ecclesiastes 12:7) "Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it."

(James 2:24) "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

(John 19:32-34) "**Then the soldiers came** and brake the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and **saw that He was already dead**, they did not brake His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out."

(Acts 2:22-24) "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know - Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, **and crucified, and put to death;** whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it."

### 3. THE SCRIPTURES ANSWER OUR QUESTION

(Matthew 26:27-28) "Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink from it, all of you. For this is **My blood of the new covenant**, which is shed for many **for the remission of sins.**"

(John 1:29) "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold! **The Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world."

(John 3:16) "For **God so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son ... "

(John 10:11) "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." (v15) "... and I lay down My life **for the sheep.**"

(John 12:32-33) "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, **will draw all peoples to Myself.** This He said, signifying by what death He would die."

(John 15:13) "**Greater love has no man than this**, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

(Acts 20:28) "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd **the church of God, which He purchased** with His own blood."

(Romans 3:24-25) "being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **whom God set forth as a propitiation** by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness ... "

(Romans 4:24) "who was delivered up **because of our offenses**, And was raised because of our justification."

(Romans 5:6) "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died **for the ungodly**" (v9) "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall **be saved from wrath** through Him."

(Romans 6:10) "For the death that He died, **He died unto sin once for all**, but the life that He lives, He lives to God."

(Romans 8:32) "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up **for us all**, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

(Romans 14:9) "For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, **that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.**"

(1 Corinthians 5:7) "... For indeed Christ **our Passover, was sacrificed for us**"

(1 Cor. 15:3) "... that Christ **died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day ... "

(2 Corinthians 5:15) "and He died for all, that those who live should **live no longer for themselves, but for Him** who died for them and rose again."

(v21) "For He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

(Galatians 1:4) "who gave Himself **for our sins, that He might deliver us** from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father."

(Gal. 4:4-5) "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption as sons.**"

(Ephesians 1:7) "In Him **we have redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of His grace."

(Ephesians 2:13) "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off **have been brought near** by the blood of Christ." (v16) "and that He might **reconcile them both to God** in one body through the cross ... "

(Eph. 5:2) "And walk in love, as **Christ also has loved us** and given Himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God ... "

(Eph. 5:25) "Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ loved the church** and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her ... "

(Colossians 1:13-14) "He has **delivered us** from the power of darkness and **conveyed us** into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom **we have redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness of sins.**"

(1 Thessalonians 5:9-10) "For God did **not appoint us to wrath**, but to **obtain salvation** through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him."



(1 Timothy 2:6) “who gave Himself a ransom for all”

(Titus 2:14) “who gave Himself for us, that He might **redeem us** from every lawless deed **and purify for Himself** His own special people, zealous of good works.”

(Hebrews 7:27) “**who does not need daily**, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for **this He did once for all** when He offered up Himself.”

(Heb. 9:12) “Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood **He entered the Most Holy Place once for all**, having obtained eternal redemption”

(v14) “how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to **serve the living God?**”

(Heb. 9:15-17) “And for this reason **He is the mediator of the new covenant**, by means of death, ... For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. **For a testament is in force after men are dead**, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.”

(Heb. 9:28) “so Christ was offered once to **bear the sins of many.**”

(Heb. 12:2) “who **for the joy that was set before Him** endured the cross ... “

(1 Peter 1:18-19) “knowing that **you were not redeemed with corruptible things**, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by traditions from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

(1 Peter 2:21) “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that **you should follow His steps.**”

(v24) “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, **that we**, having died to sins, **might live for righteousness**, by whose stripes you are healed.”

(1 John 1:7) “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, **we have fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses us from all sin**”

(1 John 3:16) “**By this we know love**, because He laid down His life for us”

(1 John 4:10) “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son **to be the propitiation for our sins.**”

(Revelation 5:9) “For you were slain, and **have redeemed us to God** by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation”