

Why Did Jesus Die?

The death of Jesus was foretold by the prophets, foretold by Himself, included in all four gospel accounts, and was also included in the evangelistic sermons and writings of the Apostles.

What would you say if someone asked you why Jesus died?

It is one thing to understand the fact that Jesus died, but as believers, we must be able to express what was accomplished by His death.

Typology

An event, object, or person that God used to teach about the future person and work of the coming Messiah.

Exodus 12:7,11-14, 50-51

God's judgment and His salvation
were 100% effective.

Matthew 26:26-29

Jesus revealed that the annual celebration
of the Passover was about to be once and
for all fulfilled by the sacrifice of Himself.

The next day Jesus would become
the sacrifice that would allow God's
wrath to pass over the sins of all
for whom Jesus died.

1 Corinthians 5:7b

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ
was the sacrifice that ended
the need for further sacrifice.

John 1:29b

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

The Lamb, which God had provided, was going to fulfill what the previous Passover Lambs had only foreshadowed.

Exodus 25:8-9

And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

Exodus 28:1a

"Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests"

One of the most visible reminders of the people's sinfulness was the blood that was required by God for their sins.

Numbers 28:3b-4

"This is the food offering that you shall offer to the Lord: two male lambs a year old without blemish, day by day, as a regular offering. The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;"

Leviticus 1:3-5a

All of this death made for an incredibly bloody scene which served as a constant visual aid of the wages of sin.

This bloody substitutionary atonement was an ongoing reminder to the nation of Israel of their sin, the holiness of God, and the need of a substitute to receive the punishment that their sin deserved.

Psalm 103:12

as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Leviticus 16:15-16a

The blood, like the blood of the Passover, represented that a substitute had died to take place of the guilty.

Jesus, being fully God and fully man, is the only sacrifice that could actually accomplish both the receiving God's wrath for our sin and full removal of our sin.

Hebrews 9:11-14

Without the death of Jesus, there is no good news because there is no forgiveness of sins.

The gospel is good news, but the benefits of it have come to us by the death of Another.

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