

The King's Murder - Let's Go
Mark 15:21-47
4-10-22

1 Corinthians 1:18 – *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."*

In Jesus' death on the cross, He...

1. stood in **our place** as a sacrifice. (V.21) (substitutionary atonement)

Hebrews 9:25, 26 – *"...the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own...But..he (Jesus) has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."*

Ephesians 5:2 - *"...Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."*

2. suffered the **punishment** for our sin. (V.23-37) (propitiation)

Isaiah 53:6 – *"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all."*

Galatians 3:13 – *"...Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us."*

3. destroyed our **barrier** into God's presence. (V.38) (reconciliation)

Ephesians 2:14-16 - *"For he (Jesus) himself...has...broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility...that he might reconcile us...to God in one body through the cross."*

1 Peter 3:18 – *"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God..."*

4. **opens eyes** to see Him as the Son of God. (V.39.) (redemption)

John 20:31- *"...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

Romans 10:9 – *"...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Hebrews 12:2 – *"...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame..."*

Reflect and Discuss

1. How would you respond to someone who says that any man could have fulfilled all the prophecies concerning Jesus simply by manipulating events and doing certain things?
2. Theologians use the terms "substitutionary atonement", "propitiation", and "reconciliation" to describe what Jesus accomplished. Should the church continue to use these terms? How would you explain these terms to a person not familiar with the theological/biblical concepts?
3. When you see a cross, do you mostly think of it as "glorious" or "horrible"? Explain.
4. Why do you think God ordained the cruelty of the crucifixion to be done to His Son?
5. Could Jesus have avoided going to the cross? Was He capable of coming down from the cross? What kept Him there?
6. Explain in your own words why Jesus exclaimed, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
7. How might the Jews have responded to the tearing of the curtain in the temple? What does it mean for Gentiles?
8. How would you respond to someone who says that Jesus didn't really die on the cross? Why is this fact important?