

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

A Bible Study for the Newly Saved

Our God is a covenant-keeping God and when He makes a promise, He keeps it. Today, we will look at the promise of eternal life God made to mankind and why it cost Him the life of His son to keep that promise.

If you have a Bible, take the time to look up each Scripture. This is important so that you can see the parts before and after the passage that help determine its meaning. If you don't have a Bible, verses are printed in the right column so that you can still answer the questions. If there is not enough room to write your answers on this sheet, use a separate piece of paper. The left column lists additional Scripture references that apply to the topic being discussed. Look those up if you want more information. Scriptures provided are from the New International Version (NIV).

Always pray before reading the Word, ask God to show you things about Himself and about yourself.

<p>2 Timothy 1:9</p> <p>Revelation 13:8</p> <p>Numbers 30:15-20</p> <p>Romans 5:23</p> <p>1 Timothy 5:6</p> <p>James 1:13-15</p> <p>Genesis 5:5</p> <p>John 14:15</p> <p>Hebrews 9:15-22</p>	<p>Read Titus 1:2. What did God promise? When did He make that promise?</p> <p>At the creation of the world and everything in it, God looked at what He had made and said, "It is very good." Adam and Eve walked with God and there was no sin or death. Everything in the garden was freely given to them except the fruit of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil." <i>In Genesis 2:16-17, what did God say would happen if they ate the fruit of that tree?</i></p> <p>Did they drop dead after taking a bite? Genesis 3:6-7</p> <p>Though their eating of that fruit did introduce physical death into the world and Adam died at age 930, it was spiritual death that took place right away.</p> <p>If Adam and Eve had no knowledge of good and evil, how could it be wrong for them to eat from the forbidden tree? Man's relationship with God was based on faith and love. It was out of that relationship that Adam and Eve were to choose to trust and obey God. It wasn't about good and evil, it was about love. 1 John 5:3 says, "This is love for God: to obey His commands." Because of the tree, man was able to choose to love God rather than be forced to because there are no other options. Freewill became the test of true love. And man failed the test, thus choosing sin and death to enter the world through Satan.</p>	<p>Titus 1:2 ...a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time...</p> <p>Genesis 2:16-17 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."</p> <p>Genesis 3:6-7 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.</p> <p>John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that</p>
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	<p>But God had no intention of leaving it that way. Read John 3:16. What was God's plan?</p>	<p>whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.</p>
Exodus 30:10		
Hebrews 9:1-7	<p>According to Hebrews 9:22, why was it necessary for God to give his Son?</p> <p>Since the beginning, blood was necessary to cover the sin of man. After Adam and Eve sinned, they realized they were naked and tried to cover themselves with fig leaves by their own efforts, but <i>what did God do for them in Genesis 3:21?</i></p>	<p>Hebrews 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.</p> <p>Genesis 3:21 The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.</p>
Romans 8:3		
Hebrews 8:7-13	<p>Where do you think God got the skin He used to cover their nakedness?</p>	
Hebrews 9:12-14		
Hebrews 10:1-18	<p>In time, when God established the first covenant with Moses, which included the Ten Commandments, He set up a system of sacrificing perfect lambs and bulls every year so that each year man could have his sins covered. These sacrifices are described in the books of Exodus and Leviticus. This covenant is also called the "law."</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:1-4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. 2 If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshippers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. 3 But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. 4 Because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
1 Peter 1:18-20		
1 John 1:8	<p>Read Hebrews 10:1-4. Even though the lambs used were spotless, what was the problem with animal sacrifice?</p>	
1 Corinthians 15:22		
Colossians 2:13-15	<p>Animal sacrifice wasn't enough. There had to be a more perfect sacrifice. Only the blood of a sinless man could buy back what was lost in the Garden of Eden that day.</p>	<p>Romans 3:23 ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...</p> <p>Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.</p>
Luke 4:1-14	<p>Are there any sinless men? Could someone else have made the sacrifice?</p>	
2 Corinthians 5:21	<p>Romans 3:23</p> <p>Romans 5:12</p>	
1 Peter 2:22	<p>The only possible answer was for God to send His son to be born as a man, yet, without the corrupted seed of Adam in him.</p>	<p>Luke 1:31,34-35</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered,
1 John 3:5		

	Read Luke 1:31, 34-35. How was Jesus conceived? Did he have the seed of Adam passed on to him?	“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”
Hebrews 10:10-18	Jesus was the only man besides Adam who was born without the corruption of sin and death within him. He now has the same choice that Adam had in the garden—to sin or not to sin. The same choice that brought sin into the world can now be used to stop the power of sin and death if indeed the man Jesus can live a sinless life on this earth.	
Hebrews 7:22-28		
Matthew 12:40		
Matthew 16:21	Did He do it? Did Jesus, the Son of God, live on earth as any other man? Did He do it without sin? List what the following verses say about Him.	
Luke 24:1-12	Hebrews 2:17-18	Hebrews 2:17-18 17 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.
Acts 10:39-40		
Acts 13:30	Hebrews 4:15	
1 Corinthians 15:1-8	Go back to the passage in Hebrews 10:1-4. What does verse 1 say the law (the first covenant) was?	Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.
Ephesians 1:19-21		Hebrews 10:10,14 10 And by that will (God’s will), we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 14 Because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.
Philippians 2:9	What was the good thing to come that the law was foreshadowing? What was to be the ultimate sacrificial offering? Look at Hebrews 10:10 and 14 for the answer.	
Isaiah 25:8		
Acts 2:24	Will a sacrifice ever need to be made again?	
Romans 6:8-9	Jesus gave his life in exchange for ours, but was that the end? What happened after Jesus’ death and burial?	Mark 16:1,5-6 1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking
1 Corinthians 15:55-57	Mark 16:1, 5-6	
	Where is He now?	
	1 Peter 3:21-22	
	Because He is risen, what does he now	

<p>hold?</p> <p>Revelation 1:18</p> <p>How does His death and resurrection affect you, the believer? What has happened to your old self and why?</p> <p>Romans 6:3-4</p> <p>In this passage, “baptized” is not speaking of water baptism. “Baptized into” means to identify with something, to agree with it and its purpose.</p>	<p>for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”</p> <p>1 Peter 3:21-22</p> <p>21 ...by the resurrection of Jesus Christ</p> <p>22 who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.</p> <p>Revelation 1:18 (Jesus speaking) I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.</p> <p>Romans 6:3-4</p> <p>3 Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?</p> <p>4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.</p>
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It is finished, friend in Christ. The debt has been paid; Jesus has conquered death and hell. There is but one thing for you to do in order to receive God’s promised salvation and eternal life—believe in Jesus. Since you now believe in Him, pursue your relationship with Him. Chase after what Jesus has called the greatest commandment, to love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, and your mind.

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