

Lesson #5 Jesus Dies on the Cross

Opening Shot:

Jesus came into the world to be the sacrifice for the sins of the world. When He chose to die on the cross, it was in obedience to God's will. God the Father was determined to forgive us even though we did not (could not) deserve His forgiveness. Jesus came to make that forgiveness possible for us. When He died for us, He destroyed Satan's hold over us forever.

Introduction to Biblical Truths: (Optional)

**1 Peter 3: 18** *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.*

**Hebrews 2:14-15** *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- is and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

**Luke 22:41-42** *He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."*

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) How can dying on a cross be God's will for anyone, especially Jesus, His Son?
- 2.) Did Satan beat Jesus by having Him crucified?
- 3.) How can God forgive us just because Jesus died for us?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

**Acts 2:22-24** *"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead... because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."*

**Romans 5:6-9** *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him?*

**1 John 3:8b** *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

**Hebrews 9:22** *...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. [Read Hebrews 9:22-28]*

**1 Corinthians 1:21-24** *...God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

Parting Shot:

God loves us and wanted to save us from destruction. Jesus came to provide the way for us, even though it would mean His death. Satan tried to destroy Jesus' resolve to do this, but he was not able to do so. In the end Satan's power over us was destroyed, while Jesus was raised to life! The Father's will was accomplished for us. Praise God!

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