

# The Day Everything Changed

## Study #3

Q: Why did Jesus have to die for us?

Q: How is the world different because of the cross?

Q: What did Jesus' crucifixion do for you?

Read [John 12:27-33](#)

*"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ...<sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.<sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."<sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die." (ESV)*

Q #1: Why did King Jesus have to die?

- [Lev. 17:11](#); [Rom. 5:12](#); [Heb. 9:13-14](#); [1John 3:5](#); [John 1:29](#); [Heb. 9:26](#)

Read [John 19:17-30](#)

*"So they took Jesus,<sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called **The Place of a Skull**, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.<sup>18</sup> **There they crucified him...**<sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **"It is finished,"** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." (ESV)*

Q #2: What did Jesus mean when He said, **"It is finished"**?

- [John 17:4-5](#); [Acts 13:29](#); [Gen. 3:15](#)

Read [Col. 2:15](#)

*"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made **a public spectacle** of them, triumphing over them by the cross." (NIV)*

Q #3: Who are the "powers and authorities" Paul is talking about here?

- [Col. 1:12b-14](#); [Eph. 6:12](#); [Rom. 5:14](#); [21](#)

Read [1Peter 2:24](#)

*"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we **might die to sin and live to righteousness**. By his wounds you have been healed." (ESV)*

Q #4: What did Jesus' Crucifixion do for you?

**TRUTH TO REMEMBER:** Because of the cross, nothing can keep you from God!

*The crucifixion of Jesus only means what it means because of the resurrection. Jesus didn't just die to pay the debt of sin - God raised Him back to life! In our next study, we will look at the resurrection and what it means for us!*

## Notes:

### Q #1: Why did King Jesus have to die?

- God had always required blood to cover over the sin of His people.
  - Life is in the blood (**Lev. 17:11**) and to come into God's presence people had to cover the death and decay of sin (**Rom 5:12**) with life.
  - However, the blood of animal sacrifice couldn't take away sin completely (**Heb. 9:13-14**).
- Jesus was the only one qualified to be a perfect sacrifice. Because He is the sinless "Lamb of God" (**1John 3:5**) He was the only one who could take away the sin of the world (**John 1:29**).
  - Jesus "*appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself*" (**Heb. 9:26**).

### Q #2: What did it mean when Jesus said, "*It is finished*"?

- The story of God's original creation began in a beautiful garden with the first Adam eating from the tree of life, and it ended in a place of death so ugly it was called "the Place of a Skull"!
- Jesus had finished the work God had given Him to do (**John 17:4-5**) which included fulfilling all the prophecies about Him (**Acts 13:29**).
  - The most important prophecy Jesus fulfilled was the first prophecy about Him. God said He would crush Satan's head (**Gen. 3:15**) and He did, which finished the story of God's original creation.

### Q #3: Who are the "powers and authorities" Paul is talking about?

- Paul is talking about the Dominion of Darkness which he mentioned one chapter earlier in **Col. 1:12b-14**. He also mentions them in **Eph. 6:12**.

King Jesus defeated the Dominion of Darkness by dying a sacrificial death on the cross. As a result, the world is now a VERY DIFFERENT place to live.

**Sin no longer reigns, Grace reigns!!! (Rom. 5:14; 21)**

### Q #4: What did Jesus' Crucifixion do for you?

- "To die to something" is a metaphorical way of expressing deliverance from its power and dominion.
  - To die to sin is to be free from its power, including the desire to perform it.
- Because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross:
  - "*we might die to sin and live to righteousness.*" That means you can choose!
  - You can save yourself from "*this corrupt generation*" (**Acts 2:40**) and "*the present form of this world*" which is "*passing away*" (**1Cor. 7:31**).