



TEN REASONS JESUS DIED

Why did Jesus Christ suffer and die? That is the most important question of the twenty-first century. Here are ten answers from the Bible.

Jesus came to die...

1) To give eternal life to all who believe on Him: "Whoever does not believe is condemned already...the wrath of God remains on him" (John 3: 18, 36). "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined what God has prepared for those who love him" (1Corinthians 2: 9). "This is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (John 17: 3).

2) To bring us to God: "Christ...suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God" (1Peter 3: 18).

3) To take away our condemnation: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8: 1).

4) To show Jesus' own love for us: Christ "loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). He suffered and died "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). "Whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

5) To show God's love for sinners: For God's love: "he gave his only Son" (John 3: 16). "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5: 8).

6) To reconcile us to God: “While we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son” (Romans 5: 10).

7) So that we would escape the curse of the law: “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us” (Galatians 3: 13). “A person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ” (Galatians 2: 16). Our only hope is having the blood and righteousness of Christ credited to our account.

8) To absorb the wrath of God: “For the wages of [our] sin is death” (Romans 6: 23). But God “loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation” (wrath-absorbing substitute) “for our sins” (1John 4: 10). God publicly endorsed Christ’s accomplishment by raising him from the dead, proving the success of His suffering and death.

9) To give marriage its deepest meaning: “Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as unto the Lord.” (Ephesians 5: 22). “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her” (Ephesians 5: 25).

10) To destroy hostility between races: Jesus died to create a whole new way for races to be reconciled: He “has broken down...the dividing wall of hostility...making peace...through the cross” (Ephesians 2: 14-16).

For all these reasons and more, Christ suffered and died. Why would you not embrace him as your Saviour from sin and judgment, and live with God eternally? If you want to receive Jesus into your life, you can pray like this:

Dear God, I’m convinced that Jesus suffered and died for my sins. I gratefully trust in Him now as my Lord and Saviour and the only way I’ll ever receive your forgiveness and your promise of eternal life. Amen.