

How did Jesus die?

What happened?

Jesus was _____ because he was attracting the wrong kind of attention, and the Chief Jewish Priests wanted to keep the peace they had with the _____. Jesus had grown popular and this challenged and worried the _____ authorities and the Roman _____. When they arrested Jesus they stripped off his clothes and put a _____ robe on him, then they made a _____ out of thorny branches and placed it on his _____, and put a stick in his right hand and knelt before him and _____ him. "Long Live the King of the Jews!" they said. At first, Pilate could see no reason to kill Jesus but the people _____, they took the _____ off and put Jesus' own clothes back on him. Then they led him to crucify him. As they were going out they met a man from Cyrene named _____, and the soldiers made him carry Jesus' cross.

They came to a place called _____ and crucified Jesus with _____ criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Then they divided his clothes among them by throwing _____. After that, they sat there and watched him. Above his head they put a written notice 'This is Jesus the _____ of the _____'.

Some of the people standing there heard him and said "He is calling for God!" One of them ran up to him, took a _____, _____ it in cheap _____, put it on a stick and tried to make him drink. Others said 'Let us see if _____ is coming to save him.' In the same way, the Chief Priest jeered at him "He _____ others, but he cannot _____ himself... He trusts in God and claims to be Gods _____. Well, then, let us see if God wants to save him now!" Jesus is thought to have said "Father _____ them, for they know not what they are doing."

At noon, the whole country was covered with _____, which lasted for _____ hours. At about three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud shout "My God, my God, why did you _____ me?"

Jesus again gave a loud _____ and breathed his _____.

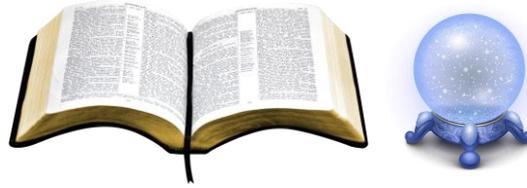
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Why do Christians believe that Jesus had to die?

1. **Fulfills Prophecies:** The suffering and death of Jesus were foretold by the _____ Isaiah in the _____ Testament who wrote about a Messiah or the 'chosen one' of God. Christians believe that Jesus is the _____, the chosen one.

Isaiah said that a messiah would come who would be: *'Despised and rejected by mankind' 'a man of suffering' 'he was _____ for our transgressions'*

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the _____ about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will _____ again."



2. **Original Sin: "The Fall":** Adam and _____ ate the forbidden fruit and this destroyed the perfect _____ between humans and _____ and introduced _____ to the world. Some Christians believe all people are born with sin, which they call 'original sin'. The sins that people commit in their daily lives take them further away from _____. Christians believe that God sent Jesus to earth to _____ the broken relationship and that through his death Jesus paid the price for human _____. This offers humankind **salvation (being saved from sin)** which means they can live _____ with God in Heaven after death.



3. **Part of Gods rescue plan for _____:** Christians believe that after death, everyone will be judged by God and either be rewarded in Heaven or punished in Hell. So what is needed is something called " _____" which means to make up for doing something wrong. There are occasions when just saying sorry _____ enough. We need to *do* something to show that we're sorry, or somehow make up for the hurt we've caused, or maybe even face a punishment so that everyone can see that _____ has been done.



4. **Sacrifice:** Sin _____ people from God. By allowing himself to be crucified, Jesus _____ people from the power of sin. Before Jesus, the Jews often used animal sacrifices to 'atone' (make up) for the sins they have committed. Jesus became a sacrificial _____ to take upon himself the sins of the world. His sacrifice meant that there was no longer any need to sacrifice animals as he paid the _____ for human sins once and for all.

At the time the gospels were written, people were familiar with the idea of killing an animal and _____ it to God to ask for _____ for their sins. The idea was to give something of value to God in order to receive something of value in _____, this is known as a sacrifice. Offering blood sacrifices to God is not a concept many Christians today feel _____ with. They might however, accept that Jesus chose to give his life freely out of _____ for all _____.



5. **Abolish death:** Some Christians believe that Jesus became human and suffered crucifixion in order to _____ death. They believe that Jesus' willingness to give his _____ meant that people have _____ life in heaven with God. Jesus' death led to his _____, which has opened the way to life after death for everyone else. It was all part of God's rescue plan.



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