

## **What is the significance of his death?**

Blessed be the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

One of the most profound and often-asked questions in Christianity is this: **Why did Jesus have to die?** Couldn't He have just come to teach us the way of salvation, perform miracles, reveal God's love, and then simply return to heaven? Why did His mission require a painful, humiliating death on a cross?

The answer to this question is central to the Christian faith and deeply rooted in both spiritual and natural truths. Today, let's explore a few key reasons why the death of Jesus was necessary—not just historically, but spiritually and eternally.

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### **1. Death Was Necessary to Bear Fruit (John 12:24)**

Jesus Himself explained one of the mysteries of His death using a powerful image from nature:

*John 12:24 (NKJV)*

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”*

Just like a seed must die in the soil—be buried, decay, and lose its outer shell—to produce life and bring forth a harvest, Jesus had to die in order to bring forth spiritual life for the world. His death was the seed that produced the fruit of salvation for humanity.

Had Jesus avoided the cross, the message of the Gospel would not have spread with power, the Holy Spirit would not have been given, and salvation would not have been made available to all nations. His death was the beginning of a great harvest—a global movement of grace, mercy, and transformation.

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## **2. His Death Was the Only Way to Remove Our Sin (Galatians 3:13)**

The Bible teaches that all humanity has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Sin is a barrier between us and God—it demands justice, and the consequence is death (Romans 6:23). In the

Old Testament, sacrifices were made to temporarily cover sins. But those sacrifices pointed forward to something greater.

*Galatians 3:13 (NKJV)*

*“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’).”*

Jesus became that ultimate sacrifice. He bore the weight of our sin. On the cross, He became the object of God’s judgment so that we could receive mercy. The Father turned His face away not because He stopped loving Jesus, but because Jesus was carrying our sin—and God, in His holiness, cannot look upon sin with favor.

*Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)*

*“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”*

Without His death, sin would still reign, and our separation from God

would remain.

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3. Through Death, Jesus Disarmed Satan and Conquered Death Itself (Hebrews 2:14)

*Hebrews 2:14 (NLT)*

*“Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.”*

Jesus didn’t just die for sin—He died **to destroy death itself**. His death and resurrection defeated the one who held the power of death: the devil. Jesus broke the chains of fear and judgment that Satan uses to enslave people.

Because He lives, we have hope beyond the grave. Death has lost its sting (1 Corinthians 15:55). His resurrection is the guarantee of our eternal life.

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4. His Death Sealed the New Covenant and Our Inheritance (Hebrews 9:16-17)

*Hebrews 9:16-17 (NIV)*

*“In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living.”*

Think of it this way: just as a legal will only becomes active after someone dies, Jesus’ death activated the promises of the New Covenant—eternal life, forgiveness, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, access to the Father, and spiritual authority. Through His death, we inherited every spiritual blessing in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3).

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**5. His Death Makes Our Spiritual Rebirth Possible (Romans 6:3-4)**

*Romans 6:3-4 (NKJV)*

*“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”*

In baptism, we are united with Christ—not only in His death but in His resurrection. Just as He died to sin once for all, we are called to die to our old way of life and rise into a new life led by the Spirit. His death opened the door for our transformation.

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**So What Must You Do?**

If you have not yet received Jesus as Lord and Savior, today is the day. He died for you, not just to forgive your sins, but to give you a new heart, a new beginning, and eternal life.

Repent of your sins. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Seek baptism in water, fully immersed in His name, as a symbol of dying to self and rising with Him into life.

*John 14:6 (NKJV)*

*“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”*

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**In conclusion**

Don't let Satan convince you that your baptism, your repentance, or your pursuit of holiness is meaningless. He knows that when you step into the water with faith and a surrendered heart, your life is marked forever. That's why he resists it.

But Jesus said:

*Mark 16:16 (ESV)*

*"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

So press in. Seek Him with all your heart. Embrace the power of His death and resurrection—and walk in the victory He purchased for you with His blood.

**May the power of the cross be real and alive in your life.**

**God bless you.**

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