



## What Does the Death of Christ Mean?

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Luke 23:34-49

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### Luke 23:34-49 (NIV)

34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."  
And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said,  
"He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen  
One."

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar  
37 and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the King of the  
Jews.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the  
Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you  
are under the same sentence?"

41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this  
man has done nothing wrong."

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three  
in the afternoon,

45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my  
spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

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47 The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."

48 When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away.

49 But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

**Most people \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died on the cross.**

**But people disagree about what his death \_\_\_\_\_.**

Some people think it means \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 34e).

Many people think it is proof that he is a \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 35-39).

*Some \_\_\_\_\_ leaders see it that way (v. 35).*

*Some \_\_\_\_\_ authorities see it that way (vv. 36-38).*

*Some \_\_\_\_\_ see it that way (v. 39).*

*Bart Ehrman sees it that way:*

“The crucifixion would have proved beyond any doubt — to anyone paying attention — that Jesus was not the messiah after all. Rather than overcoming the enemy to establish a new kingdom, he was squashed by the enemy, publicly humiliated and tortured to death. That was the opposite of what would happen with the messiah.”<sup>1</sup>

Some people see it as the \_\_\_\_\_ to eternal life (vv. 40-43).

**Big Idea: The death of Jesus means we can have wide open \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

Access to God is open because Christ’s death \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins).

God accepted his death as a \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice for our sins (vv. 44-46).

Romans 3:23-26: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

He could be our substitute because was \_\_\_\_\_ and did not deserve to die (vv. 47-49).

1 Peter 3:18: "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit."

Because of his death, sinners are \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

Hebrews 10:19-23: "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."