

11 – JESUS CHRIST: HIS DEATH - PART 1

I. Why is His Death a Work?

- Most Christians understand Jesus Christ from his incarnation and future.
- It was the result of a definitive choice on his part.
- It is a work because it accomplished the benefits of his death.

II. The Importance of His Death

A. Foretold in the Old Testament

- The death of Jesus Christ is the subject of many types and prophecies in the Old Testament.

Scripture Isaiah 53:5 (ESV)

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Scripture Daniel 9:26 (ESV)

And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

B. Prominent in the New Testament

- The death of Jesus Christ is prominent throughout the New Testament.

C. It is the Chief Purpose of the Incarnation

- The death of Jesus Christ showed the purpose of the incarnation.

Scripture Mark 10:45 (ESV)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

D. It is the Fundamental Theme of the Gospel

- The focus of all four of the Gospels is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

E. It is Essential to Christianity

- Take away the death of Jesus Christ and it reduces Christianity to the level of any ethnic religions.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:12-18 (ESV)

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no

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resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

F. It is Essential to Our Salvation

- The death of Jesus Christ is central to our belief that penalty for our sin had been paid.

III. Wrong Views of His Death

A. Accidental Theory

- This view sees no significance in the death of Jesus Christ.
- It is a humanistic approach that sees his death nothing more than the destiny of all men.

B. Martyr Theory

- This view sees Jesus Christ's death as nothing more than that of a martyr.
- It sees his death as nothing more than an example to others.
- It ignores the fundamental idea of the atonement for our sins.

C. Moral Influence Theory

- This view sees his death as a result of taking on human form in the incarnation.
- This has taken place in order to soften the hearts of humanity toward salvation.