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WHY DID JESUS DIE?

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"He is not here; he has risen." - Luke 24:6

WHY did Jesus die? Three reasons...

I. THE PROBLEM: _____.

A. Sin means: _____.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) "for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God."

1 John 1:8 (NIV) "If we claim to be **without sin**, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

II. THE PENALTY: _____ FROM GOD.

A. Sin _____ us from God.

Isaiah 59:2 (NIV) "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."

2 Thessalonians 1:8 (NIV) "He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus."

III. THE SOLUTION: JESUS TOOK YOUR _____.

A. Jesus was _____ in the flesh!

Colossians 2:9 (NIV) "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form."

B. Jesus took _____ on Himself.

Isaiah 53:5 (NIV) "But **he was pierced** for **our** transgressions, **he was crushed** for **our** iniquities; the punishment that brought **us** peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, **to bring you to God**."

WHY does the resurrection matter? Three reasons...

I. MY PAST CAN BE _____.

A. You get a second _____!

John 3:17 "I didn't come to condemn the world, I came to **save it**."

B. Your debt can be " _____!"

Col 3:14 "He has forgiven **all** our sins and canceled **every** record of the debt we owed. Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross."

Romans 8:1 "There is no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ."

II. MY PRESENT CAN BE _____.

A. Much of life is _____!

B. You need a power _____ than yourself.

Ephesians 1:20 says: "How incredibly great is His **power** to help those who believe Him, the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead."

Philippians 4:13 (NIV) "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

III. MY FUTURE CAN BE _____.

A. Universal problem: _____.

B. _____ ways the Bible says you get to heaven.

(1) "**Plan A**" is to _____ it.

(2) "**Plan B**": _____ Jesus Christ ("by grace through faith")

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast."

IV. JESUS OFFERS US _____.

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

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