

“WHY JESUS HAD TO DIE”

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TEXT: John 20:19-31 (NLT)

JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO...

1. MEET US WHERE WE ARE

“It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them...”

John 20:19a (GN)

2. GIVE US ENCOURAGEMENT

“Then Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you.’”

John 20:19b (GN)

“Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God’s peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7 (NCV)

3. SHOW US HIS LOVE

“As He spoke, He held out His hands for them to see, and He showed them His side. They were filled with joy when they saw their Lord!”

John 20:20 (NLT)

“...God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

4. OFFER US FORGIVENESS

(Jesus) “If you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?”

John 20:23 (Mes)

“Happy is the person whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. Happy is the person whom the Lord does not consider guilty...”

Psalms 32:1-2 (NCV)

5. FILL US WITH HIS SPIRIT

“Then He (Jesus) breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”
John 20:22 (NLT)

“For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, His Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control.”
2 Timothy 1:7 (GN)

6. GIVE US A NEW REASON TO LIVE

“Then Jesus said again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father sent Me, I now send you.’”
John 20:21 (NCV)

“Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night... You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky.”
Philippians 2:15 (Mes/GN)

7. HELP US BELIEVE IN HIM

“One of the disciples, Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he replied, ‘I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in His hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in His side.’ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. He said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see My hands. Put your hand into the wound in My side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!’ ‘My Lord and my God!’ Thomas exclaimed.”
John 20:24-28 (NLT)

“Jesus said, ‘You believe because you’ve seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing.’”
John 20:29 (Mes)