

“WHAT THE PASSION OF JESUS TELLS US ABOUT GOD”

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Message Notes
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1. THE TRIAL OF JESUS SHOWS US GOD’S PURPOSE

Jesus: “Now My soul is troubled and distressed, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour [of trial and agony]? But it was for this very purpose that I have come to this hour [that I might undergo it].”
John 12:27 (Amp)

Jesus: “...I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.”
John 12:47 (NIV)

“The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put Him to death. But they did not find any...Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, ‘Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God.’ ‘Yes, it is as you say,’ Jesus replied. Then they spit in His face and struck Him with their fists. Others slapped Him...”
Matthew 26:59-68 (NIV)

“Christ was truly God. But...He gave up everything and became a slave, when He became like one of us. He obeyed God and even died on a cross. Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored His name above all others. So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.”
Philippians 2:6-10 (CEV)

2. THE DEATH OF JESUS SHOWS US GOD’S PASSION

“When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”
Romans 5:6,8 (NLT)

“Christ sacrificed His life’s blood to set us free, which means that our sins are now forgiven. Christ did this because God was so kind to us.”
Ephesians 1:7 (CEV)

“Everything belongs to God, and all things were created by His power. So God did the right thing when He made Jesus perfect by suffering, as Jesus led many of God’s children to be saved and to share in His glory.”
Hebrews 2:10 (CEV)

3. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS SHOWS US GOD'S POWER

“He showed Himself alive to them after His Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days He continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God.” Acts 1:3 (NJB)

“...by being raised from the dead He was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God Himself.” Romans 1:4 (LB)

“I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those who believe Him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead...” Ephesians 1:19-20 (LB)

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO WHAT JESUS DID FOR ME?

- I ought to love Him

“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

- I ought to hate sin

“We know that our old life died with Christ on the cross so that our sinful selves would have no power over us and we would not be slaves to sin.” Romans 6:6 (NCV)

- I ought to tell others

“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. This is the wonderful message He has given us to tell others.” 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT)

CHALLENGE

Bring an unchurched friend to church with you next Sunday to hear “*Why We Need Each Other.*”