

# DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

## THE DEATH OF JESUS

## LESSON FOUR - TEXT: MATTHEW 20:25-28

**INTRODUCTION:** Do you know Jesus? In these lessons, we are trying to get a better understanding of who Jesus is and was. In this lesson we are going to examine the death of Jesus. The death of Jesus is one of the central focal points of the Christian faith, and the Word of God has much to say about this all important event in the life of Jesus.

### THE METHOD OF JESUS' DEATH

1. The death of Jesus was prophesied in the Old Testament.
  - a. ***He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. Isaiah 53:8***
2. The death of Jesus was prophesied by Jesus himself.
  - a. ***Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. John 2:19***
3. The death of Jesus was desired by God.
  - a. ***Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin... Isaiah 53:10***
4. The death of Jesus was planned.
  - a. ***And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: (John 3:14)***
5. The death of Jesus was undeserved.
  - a. ***And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Isaiah 53:9***
6. The death of Jesus was voluntary.
  - a. ***No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. John 10:18***
  - b. Jesus had the power to keep his life, so that it could not be taken from him without his own consent.

### NOTES

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7. The death of Jesus was by crucifixion.
  - a. Crucifixion was a punishment used by the Romans for slaves and criminals, and could not be inflicted on a Roman citizen.
8. The death of Jesus was disgraceful.
  - a. **... Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, ... Hebrews 12:2**
9. The death of Jesus was cursed (hate united with disgust).
  - a. **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Galatians 3:13**
10. The death of Jesus was necessary.
  - a. **Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead... Acts 17:3**
11. The death of Jesus was accepted, as a sacrifice to God.
  - a. **And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. Ephesians 5:2**

## THE MEANING OF HIS DEATH

1. **Atonement** – Used 77 times in the Bible means a covering for sin.
2. **Propitiation** – The death of Jesus satisfied the wrath of God.
3. **Substitution** – This is the idea of one taking place of another. The innocent takes the punishment for the guilty.
4. **Redemption** – The sinner in bondage is brought back by God with a certain purchase price.
5. **Reconciliation** – God and man were enemies but now have been made friends.
6. **Ransom** – The price paid for the release of a prisoner (the one kidnapped by sin). (Matthew 20:28)

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

*1 Corinthians 1:18*