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Getting Things Straight (4)

Why Did Jesus Have To Die??

Message Notes

Read Heb 2:9-18

Heb 2:9-18 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰In bringing many sons to glory it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹²He says:

I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.

¹³And again, I will put my trust in him. And again he says, Here I am, and the children God has given me.

¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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The problem is sin.

Rom 5:12 (MSG) "You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in – first sin, then death, and no one is exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone."

Rom 3:23-25 (MSG) "Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

²⁵⁻²⁶ God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured.

When Jesus died – we died with Him.

When Jesus was raised to life – we were raised with him.

Jesus is in us and we are in Jesus.

The death and resurrection of Jesus was always Plan A for God.

So what did Jesus' death accomplish for us?

1. Freedom from sin

Rev 1:5 To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

2. Redemption

Eph 1:7-8 In him we have redemption, through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

3. Justification

Rom 5:8-9 God demonstrates His love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

4. Sanctification

Heb 13:10-12 The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.

5. Ushered in the coming of the Holy Spirit to us!

Jn 16:7 Jesus says "I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."