

Why Good Friday Is Good?

Big Question

Why is this day called “Good” Friday?

From “*Hosanna – Save us now*” → to “*Crucify Him*” From celebration → to rejection.

1. The Moment — Luke 23:18–25

Two men stand before the crowd:

- **Jesus** — innocent, sinless, perfect
- **Barabbas** — guilty, rebellious, deserving punishment

The crowd chooses Barabbas.

- The guilty walks free
- The innocent is condemned

👉 Jesus takes his place

Good Friday is good because...

2. This Was the Plan

This was not an accident. This was a planned moment of redemption and rescue.

- **Acts 2:23** — God’s determined plan
- **Isaiah 53:10** — God’s will
- **John 3:16–17** — God’s desire to save, not condemn

👉 God was not reacting — He was redeeming

3. Our Sin Made It Necessary (Garden → Cross)

- We were created for relationship with God
- Sin brought separation and death
- Humanity needed restoration

Old Testament sacrifices:

- Covered sin temporarily
- Could not fully remove sin

- **Romans 3:23** — All have sinned
- **Romans 6:23** — The cost of sin is death

👉 Our sin didn't just contribute to the cross... it required it 👉 Our sin put Him on the cross

4. Love Kept Him on the Cross

Sin put Him there... but love kept Him there

- **Romans 5:8** — Christ died for us while we were still sinners
- **John 3:16–17** — God's love in action
- **2 Peter 3:9** — God's desire for all to be saved

👉 Jesus chose the cross 👉 Jesus stayed on the Cross because He loves us

5. What Jesus Did on the Cross

Jesus became our substitute. 👉 He took our sin, our punishment, and our place

- **2 Corinthians 5:21** — He became sin for us
 - **1 Peter 3:18** — The righteous for the unrighteous
 - **1 Peter 2:24** — He bore our sins
 - **Isaiah 53:5–6** — He took our punishment

 - **John 19:30** — *"It is finished"* 👉 The work is complete 👉 The debt is paid.
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6. What Happens Because of the Cross

Barabbas:

- Guilty
- Condemned
- Deserving death

👉 Walked free 👉 We are Barabbas

Because of Jesus:

- We are forgiven
- We are no longer condemned
- We are set free
- **Romans 8:1** — No condemnation
- **Ephesians 2:8–9** — Saved by grace, not works

👉 We don't have to carry guilt anymore 👉 We are free because Jesus took our place
