

Good Friday **Why did Jesus have to Suffer?**

PK- Resurrection Sunday is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year. Passion week begins with Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, we call Palm Sunday, last week, and culminates with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Sunday. God has always had days of remembrances such as the Feast Days and Communion. God knows how forgetful we tend to be so He wisely set these special days up to help us, hence, Good Friday relates to the crucifixion of Jesus.

Roman crucifixion was a horrible excruciating way to die. Even more so for an innocent man abandon in every way, by His Father and His disciples, even Peter denied Jesus three times, what sorrow and heart ache!

So why did Jesus have to suffer such pain such despair and loneliness? Why did God the Father will this to take place? **The simple answer is Love.**

S- LOVE that we find in **John 3:16**, "*For God so **loved** the world that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*"

PK- There is a steep price for sin that must be paid, and as sinful people, we don't have the ability to pay that debt. We all know that **God is Love** but He is also **Just**, **ALL** the accounts must be reconciled. God requires justice in all that goes on in His creation. The payment must be paid in full when His perfect Law is broken. Since Adam in the garden mankind has missed the mark of

perfection, which is the standard of heaven, ALL must pay the price of sin which is death.

And **ALL** of us are sinners.

S- Romans 3:23, “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

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PK- Therefore, we all have a debt since we are all sinners, and again we don't have the ability to pay such a debt!

S- Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Warren W. Wiersbe puts it well,

S- “Jesus was not a martyr, nor was His death an accident. He was God's sacrifice for the sins of the world.”

PK- The payment for transgressing God's perfect law, must be acceptable to the law Giver; this is the most expensive debt the world has ever witnessed.

The Word of God tells us:

S- Hebrews 9:22 “... without **the shedding of blood** there is no forgiveness of sins.”

PK- From God's love, He planned to send His perfect Offering to pay the penalty for the transgressions of humanity, therefore giving ALL mankind the opportunity to **put their trust and faith in Jesus' sacrifice that would cleanse** them of ALL their sins and the penalty of death.

God covered every detail by His love from the very beginning to the new beginning.

So, let's follow that love through scripture, beginning at the beginning.

PK- Speaking to the serpent, Satan, God prophesied.

S1- Love is Promised

Genesis 3:15, *“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and **her Seed**; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”*

PK- The seed of the woman, without man, pointing to the virgin Mary and Jesus.

S2- Isaiah 7:14, *“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the **virgin** shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”*

S3- Galatians 4:4, *“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,”*

PK- Next we have another prophecy concerning the coming

S1- Love Enters

Zechariah 9:9, *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

PK- This is **Palm Sunday, Jesus’ Triumphal Entry**

S2- Mark 11:7,9, *“Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.”*

“Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’”

PK- Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a **colt of a donkey** was prophesied by the **Prophet Zechariah** who gave this detailed prophecy **five centuries** before Jesus.

The long road to **Calvary's Cross** had been carved out by God's love long before the foundations of the world,

S- 2 Timothy 1:9, *“For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was His plan from before the beginning of time — to show us His grace through Christ Jesus.”*

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PK- God's grace and mercy are outflows of His unconditional love poured out on His own.

S1- Love Betrayed

Psalms 41:9, *“Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.”*

S2- Luke 22:47-48, *“And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, “**Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?**”*

PK- God's plan even predicted Judas' betrayal. If I had ridden this account I would not have included this painful event, for sure.

S1- Love Sacrificed

Isaiah 53:5, *“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”*

S2- Romans 5:6 *“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

PK- This love is beyond our understanding, it's amazing.

S1- Love Crucified

Isaiah 53:12, *“Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.”*

PK- Again, remember Isaiah recorded this prophecy 750 years before Christ birth.

S2- Mark 15:27-28, *“With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with the transgressors.”*

PK- We see, **God saved, God did this, His plan, His grace, His forgiveness**, this was the plan written in His books, He had scripted it down to the **last word, the last person and last day. God put prophecies** in His word to give solid proof that He is omniscient and in complete control, knowing the beginning from the end.

S1- Love Pierced

Zechariah 12:10, *“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me **whom they pierced**. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”*

PK- This will take place in the Tribulation period, when the blinders are removed from Israel's eyes and they recognize Jesus is their Messiah.

S2- **John 20:27**, *"Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."*

PK- As we all must do, for the salvation of our soul.

S1- Love Prayed

Psalm 109:4, *"In return for **My love** they are My accusers, But I give myself to prayer."*

S2- **Luke 23:34**, *"Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots."*

PK- Consider that **unconditional love of the Lord**, even from the suffering cross, Jesus prayed for His executioners, Amazing Love.

S1- Love Forsaken

Psalm 22:1, *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?"*

S2- **Matthew 27:46**, *"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sa-bach-thani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

PK- **In all of eternity** the Father never turned His back on His only Son that He love so much, His love for us required such a great

sacrifice for the Father and the Son, for the Father could not look upon such sin.

S- Love Complete

John 17:4-5, *"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*

And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

PK- No one else could have fulfill the prophesies of scripture except **Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah** and the **Coming Prince/King and God** who desires that all would come to know Him and spend eternity with Him.

PK- We all know,

S- John 3:16 *"For God **so loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

PK- But many don't read the next verse.

S- John 3:17 *"For God did not **send** His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world **through Him might be saved.**"*

PK- "The person and work of Jesus Christ are the indispensable components of the Gospel. Jesus is both fully God (Colossians 2:9) and fully man (John 1:14). Jesus lived the sinless life that we could never live (1 Peter 2:22), therefore, He is the only person who could die in our place, for He is the perfect sacrificial offering, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus went to the cross freely to pay the debt we could not pay. Those who receive this free gift of salvation become new creations in Christ, co-heirs with

Jesus and heirs to the **kingdom of God as children of the King** (John 1:12).”

S- 1 Peter 2:24, “He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and **live** a righteous life in Christ. **By His wounds you are healed.**”

PK- Jesus had to suffer that terrible death that showed His Love for all mankind. King David in his Psalm describes this horrific torment Jesus suffered.

S- Psalm 22:14-18, “I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
It is melted within me.

*My strength is dried up like a piece of pottery,
And my tongue clings to my jaws;
And You lay me in the dust of death.
For dogs have surrounded me;*

S- *A band of evildoers has encompassed me;
They pierced my hands and my feet.
I can count all my bones.
They look, they stare at me;
They divide my garments among them,
And they cast lots for my clothing.”*

God gave Isaiah, a vision 750 years before Jesus was born to accomplish several goals.

- 1) **S1-** To show that He was The true God, indeed, outside of time.
- 2) **S2-** That God knows all things even before they take place.

- 3) **S3-** To give us understanding of His plan to save us.
- 4) **S4-** That God desires to lead us in the path of righteousness.

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- 5) **S5-** That all that Jesus suffered was not for His own sins but ours.
- 6) **S6-** That God would send a meek Lamb to take our place.
- 7) **S7-** That Jesus, that Lamb of God, will satisfy our debt with the Just God and provide a way for us to be counted right with God.

Let's read some of this amazing chapter.

S- Isaiah 53:3-4, “He was despised and rejected—
a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.
We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way.
He was despised, and we did not care.

⁴ Yet it was our weaknesses He carried;
it was our sorrows that weighed Him down.
And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God,
a punishment for His own sins!”

PK- Because of Love He freely took on all the consequences **of our selfishness, lust** and sin.

S- Isaiah 53:5, “*But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.*”

PK- Are we beginning to see the answer to our question, “**Why did Jesus have to Suffer?**”

S- *He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.* ⁶ “All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

*We have left God's paths to follow our own. **Yet the LORD laid on Him the sins of us all***"

PK- As hard as it is to understand, this was God's perfect love being displayed to a lost and dying world. God's ways are above our ways, His thoughts above our thoughts. We only see a small part of God's perfect plan, but in the end it will be glorious.

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S- *"He will enjoy a long life, and **the LORD's good plan will prosper in His hands**. When He sees all that is accomplished by His anguish, He will be satisfied. And because of His experience, my Righteous Servant will make it possible for **many to be counted righteous, for He will bear all their sins**"*

PK- We find that Jesus looked past the suffering to the final glory, as we should also.

S- **Hebrews 12:2b**, *"who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

PK- **"Why did Jesus have to Suffer?"**

Jesus endured the pain and agony of the cross **for the JOY of having all His children with Him for all eternity.**

S- *I will give Him the honors of a victorious soldier, because He exposed Himself to death. He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels."*

PK- What an amazing passage of scripture! Prophecies fulfilled so exact, so powerfully!! Christ was victorious over sin and death and we have an invitation to benefit from that great victory, we are those rebels, **we are the reason He suffered that we could be called the children of God.** We, **who believe**, are the recipients of

that Great Grace but Jesus had to purchase our Salvation at a great cost. His death on the cross was horrific, and His tremendous suffering was the ransom for our freedom that we might be called Children of God and spend all eternity with our Savior.

Finally,

S- **John 19:30**, *“So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”*

PK- As we finish tonight’s teaching, the crucifixion has been executed and Jesus is in the tomb.

BUT

S- Sunday is coming!! And our redemption is at hand.

If you have not received this free gift of salvation that Jesus gave His life for, it is a prayer away! Surrender your life tonight, turn from your life of sin and death and be adopted into the family of God, the price has been paid, please pray with me right now...