

The People vs Jesus

Easter Sunday

What happened at the cross 2000 years ago has everything to do with us TODAY

Without the blood of Jesus - we have nothing to celebrate!
No eternal life, no joy, no peace, no freedom, no security

Why did Jesus have to die?
It's God MAKING A WAY!

If God loved us, why would he send us to hell? We are based upon inherited sin - God doesn't send people to hell we were already walking there!

Jesus came so that we could live in FREEDOM

Why did Jesus need to die?
God DOES NOT change! He does not contradict himself
In his justice and his holiness, no sin can be near him
We were created by God to glorify him and to worship him,
but if we have inherited sin we can't be near to him!
So GOD SENDS HIS SON Jesus died on OUR behalf
Where there is sin, in order to be redeemed there must be blood
How is this a demonstration of his love? Because WE should've been on that cross

Grace - getting what we don't deserve

Why did there have to be blood?
In that time of day, blood is representative of life
Israel knew without having a sacrifice present, they could never be close to Jesus

When Jesus was crucified on the cross and said "IT IS FINISHED"
All the obstruction, all of the sin, all of the sacrifices, people trying to get right with God, IT IS DONE!

1 Corinthians 6:20
"YOU WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE...!"

Revelation 1:5
..."to HIM who loves us and has freed us from our sins BY HIS BLOOD..."

Why do we refer to Jesus as a lamb? Because he was the FINAL sacrifice

2000 years prior to the cross, the Israelites were in Egypt in slavery
Exodus 12:12-13
The final plague- every firstborn of both men and animal will die.
Those that were spared were by the blood of the lamb !

700 years before Jesus' death - Isaiah predicted the blood of the lamb to save us from our sins

Jesus' time - he came to fulfill a PURPOSE
To give HIS life so that WE could have LIFE

Without Jesus - there is no eternal life! There is no LIFE after death!

There is a part of mourning that brings JOY and that's because of Jesus' death. We can have joy in mourning!

When God sees us- He sees the righteousness of His son!
The enemy uses distraction and busyness - we can't be saved by association!
Sometimes we think the association of God gives us power -
but it's the BLOOD of God that gives us that power!!!