

Who Actually “Killed Christ” (Messiah)?

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Key Question

Who killed Christ (Jesus the Messiah)?

Scripture reveals multiple agents involved — human, spiritual, and divine — all within God’s redemptive plan.

1. The Jews (Israel’s Leadership) – *Acts 2:22–23; Acts 3:13–15; Matt. 27:20–25*

Rejected Yeshua; demanded His death.

➔ God’s covenant with Israel remains (Romans 11:25).

2. The Gentiles (The Nations) – *Acts 4:26–27; John 19:10–16*

Rome authorized crucifixion.

➔ Jew and Gentile alike are guilty (Romans 3:19).

3. Judas Iscariot (The Betrayer) – *Matt. 26:14–16; Luke 22:22; John 13:27*

Betrayed Yeshua; fulfilled prophecy yet responsible.

➔ Picture of personal apostasy.

4. haSatan (Satan) – *Gen. 3:15; Luke 22:3; Heb. 2:14*

Struck Messiah’s heel; sealed his defeat.

➔ God’s plan triumphed.

5. God the Father – *Rom. 8:32; Isa. 53:10; John 3:16*

Gave the Son for atonement.

➔ Love, not cruelty, ordained the cross.

6. The Ruach haKodesh (Holy Spirit) – *Heb. 9:14; Isa. 61:1*

Empowered Yeshua’s obedience.

➔ The cross was Trinitarian.

7. All Humanity (You and Me) – *Rom. 4:25; Isa. 53:5–6; 1 Pet. 2:24*

Our sins made His death necessary.

➔ We are personally responsible.

8. **Yeshua Himself** – *John 10:17–18; Phil. 2:8*

Willingly gave His life.

➔ The ultimate act of obedience and love.

Takeaway Points

- **All are guilty; Messiah alone redeems.**
- **The cross was God’s eternal plan.**
- **Our sin placed Him there — His love kept Him there.**
- **Yeshua died willingly to give us life.**

“He was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification.” (*Romans 4:25*)