

JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS

- I. Read **Romans 3:23** and **I John 3:4**. In this picture we see a man who is a sinner. He is far away from God and on his way to destruction. He disobeys God's laws and follows his own sinful desires. God loves this person and grieves over him "God does not want anyone to be destroyed but wants all to turn away from their sins" **2 Peter 3:9**.
2. **Luke 2:6-7**. Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable and laid him in a manger (the animal's feed box). God loved the people of the world so much that Jesus left the beauty and glory of heaven and came into this sinful world (**John 3:16**). Jesus humbled himself and lived among the people and showed God's love to them.
3. Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth, and because he was a human being he understood the joys, problems and troubles of this world. When Jesus was 30 years old he left his home, mother and brothers to begin his ministry of preaching, teaching, healing the sick and performing miracles. People were amazed when they heard Jesus teach with such authority and saw him heal the sick and cast out demons. They knew that he must be the Son of God (**Matthew 7:28-29, Luke 7:21, and Luke 8:28**).
4. Many people were very happy to see Jesus, they heard his teaching and so they began to follow him. There were also many people who were very angry with Jesus and opposed his teaching. They were even more angry when Jesus agreed that he was the "Son of God," **Luke 22:70**. After this Jesus was taken to court before the High Priest and later taken to Pilate, the Roman Governor and King Herod. Jesus was ridiculed, whipped, beaten and suffered great pain. He was falsely accused of many things but did not answer back (**Luke 23:9-11**). Jesus, the Son of God, had not sinned but he bore all this pain and suffering for us, and was sentenced to death. (**Luke 22:63-65, 23:22-24, Matthew 27:26-31**).
5. **Luke 23:26**. Pilate gave orders that Jesus should be crucified, and the soldiers led him away. He was given a heavy cross to carry, but when Jesus could no longer carry it, a man named Simon came along and the soldiers made him carry the cross for Jesus to the hill Golgotha.
6. **Luke 23:32-33**. Jesus was nailed to the cross and crucified along with two criminals. People continued to laugh and make fun of him, and shout insults at him.
7. **Luke 23:34-38**. Jesus suffered great pain as he died on the cross for our sins. The Jewish leaders and soldiers had done many cruel things to Jesus. He did not think of himself even while hanging in agony on the cross. Jesus thought of others, loved them, and said, "Forgive them, Father. They don't know what they are doing," **Luke 23:34**. Many people, including the Jewish leaders, continued to make fun of Jesus and jeer at him. Above the head of Jesus a board was nailed with these words. "This is the King of the Jews." **Luke 23:38**. After Jesus died, a soldier pierced his side, and blood and water came pouring out (**John 19:34**).
8. We look again at the man who was in picture one. This man is now convicted of his sins and his disobedience to God. He realizes *that* Jesus suffered so much pain and died to take away his sins. He is really sorry for his sins, and confesses them to God. He believes that Jesus died on the cross to take away his sins. He asks Jesus to make him a new person (**Romans 5:8, I John 1:7,9**). *You can come to Jesus just as this man did.*
9. Jesus died, was buried and three days later he rose from the dead and became alive again. Jesus was with his disciples many times during the next 40 days encouraging them and talking to them about the Kingdom of God (**Acts 1:3**). Jesus was taken up to heaven, and two angels appeared. They said. "This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven," **Acts 1:11**. When we are Christians we do not need to be afraid of death. When Christians die their spirits go immediately to be with Jesus. Jesus has defeated death and when Jesus returns to this earth, everyone who believes in Jesus will also rise from the grave and receive a new body that will live for ever (**I Thessalonians 4:13,17**).

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ROM 3.23
1 JN 3.4
2 PET 3.9

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LK 2.6-7
JN 3.16

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MT 7. 28-29

LK 7.21

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LK 22.63-65,70
LK 23.22-24,
MT 27.26-31

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LK 23.26

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LK 23. 32-33

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FATHER,
FORGIVE THEM

KING OF
THE JEWS

LK 23.34 - 38

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1 JN 1.9, 1.7, ROM 5.8

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1 THES 4.13-17