

Why did Jesus die?

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Introduction

1. Neither Pilate nor Herod could find any reason for Jesus to die. Luke 23:13-15
2. Yet the Jews of the day had determined that Jesus would die John 18:32
3. Jesus did die and He tasted death for every man Hebrews 2:9
4. This does not answer the question, "Why did Jesus die?"
5. Let us notice, some reason why Jesus died.

II Discussion

1. He died to become king
 - a. Matthew 2:2 Christ is born king of the Jews
 - b. He is called the king of Israel John 1:43-51
 - c. He enters Jerusalem as king of Israel John 12:13
 - d. He is announced as king of the Jews Matthew 27:37
 - e. He is sitting on the throne of David Acts 2:30-33; Hebrews 1:1-4, 8-9
 - i. To where did He ascend? Acts 2:33; 7:55; Colossians 3:1
 - f. He is now king of Kings 1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14; 19:16
2. He died to prove His Messiahship
 - a. Messiah mean "anointed one" translated as Christ in the New Testament
 - b. Priest were anointed Leviticus 4:3,5,16; Exodus 40:12-13; Lev 8:12
 - c. Kings were anointed 1 Samuel 10:1; 11:12; 2 Samuel 1:14
 - d. Prophets were anointed 1 Kings 19:16
 - e. Jesus is called "the Christ" Matthew 16:13; **John 1:41**; 4:25-26; Mark 14:61-62; Luke 2:11
 - i. His work of the High Priest is seen in Hebrews 1:2-4
 - ii. His work of king has been noticed
 - iii. His work of a prophet is seen many times in His preaching Luke 24:46-48; John 1:47
3. Christ died to manifest God's love
 - a. God loved us so much He gave His Son John 3:16
 - b. He did this while we are sinners Romans 5:8
4. Christ died for our sins
 - a. Our sins have separated us from God Isaiah 59:1-2
 - b. John declared this when he saw Him John 1:29
 - c. His blood flowed backwards and forward Hebrews 9:14-18; 10:1-4
 - d. Christ blood was shed for us Romans 5:9-11

III Conclusion

1. Because of Jesus coming and living like man, He is the perfect mediator 1 Timothy 2:5
2. Why not let Christ work for you and obey His every command Hebrews 5:8-9; John 14:15

Sources: Seek the Old Paths Vol. 15, No 4/5, April/May 2004; Vine's Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, Concordances