
Peter

Mark 14:71 He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about."

⁷²... *And he broke down and wept.*

Soldiers

Luke 22:63 The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. ⁶⁴ They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" ⁶⁵ And they said many other insulting things to him.

The crowd

Matt. 27:21 Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered.

²² *"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"*

Pilate

Matt. 27:23 But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

²⁴ *When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"*

The passersby

Matthew 27:39 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

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The Downward Spiral Toward Hell (Pt. 2)

Lost—part 6

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The bible reveals more than just the death of Christ. It also reveals why.

Four biblical images of the cross

Image 1: The financial image

Mark 10:45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

(See also: 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; 1 Peter 1:18; Titus 2:14; Rom. 3:24; Gal. 3:13)

Image #2: The military image.

Colossians. 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(See also: Mark 3:23-27; Col. 2:15; 1 Cor. 15:24-28).

Image #3: The sacrificial image.

John 1:29 Behold, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

(See also: Mark 14:22-24; Rom. 3:25; 1 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 2:17; and chapters 8-10)

Image #4: The legal image.

Romans 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

(See also: 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Col. 1:19-20)

Are we really that bad that Jesus had to die for us?

The bible not only affirms the truth of this,
but illustrates it, in multiple ways.

Judas

Mark 14:10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

The disciples

Matt. 26:56 ... Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Jewish leaders

Matthew 26:59 The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him ⁶⁸ and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"
