

Why Christ Had to Be Crucified

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Jesus' Rejection

- rejected by His family Mk 3:21
- rejected by religious leaders Mk 2:6;3:6 sought to destroy
- rejected by crowds Mk 15:13 after recent triumphal entry^{11:1}
- abandoned by disciples Mk 14:37,40 they slept...
- betrayed by Judas Iscariot Mk 14:44 with a kiss
- even Peter denied though he said he would never Mk 14:72

Remember God's Sovereign Plan

- Our problem is sin, alienation from God
- Only sacrifice can solve that problem^{Gen3:21}
- Triune God planned our redemption Eph 1:3-10 long ago!

Jesus Sent for Crucifixion which was Necessary

- Sanhedrin condemned Jesus^{Mk14:64}
- Pilate declared Jesus not guilty, gave into the crowd^{Mk15:14-15}
- It might have been possible for Sanhedrin to stone Jesus
- The crowds would likely have revolted in killing an innocent
- Crucifixion was what they wanted - offensive, cursed by God
- Fulfilled Scripture Dt 21:23

Preparation for Crucifixion & To the Cross

- Jesus flogged by Romans - extremely brutal - cat of 9 tails
- Jesus was weak by beatings & flogging
- Jesus was mocked & humiliated¹⁷⁻¹⁹ purple cloak = king
- Jesus forced to carry patibulum (crossbar)
- Jesus was too weak so Simon carried²¹
- Jesus led to Golgotha - public place for humiliation
- Romans - 'rebel against us - this will be your fate'

Jesus Took Punishment Fully Conscious

- Offered wine/myrrh - refused - wanted to be clear headed
- Jewish practice Pr 31:6-7 - widows helped those crucified
- Stripped, tied & nailed to cross
- The cross was a death by exhaustion and suffocation
- Garments were dived per Scripture Ps 22:17-18

The Timing of the Crucifixion

- Jesus found guilty at 1st light - 6am
- Jesus crucified mid-morning - 9am (3rd hour)
- At Noon sky turns black^{15:33} (6th-9th hour)
- Jesus gives up His life at the 9th hour^{15:34,37}

The King is Crucified & Mocked as Criminal

- 'the King of the Jews'^{Mk15:26}
- Rome's mocking was the Truth - Jesus is King!
- Religious leaders & crowds mocked²⁹⁻³²; per Scripture^{P22:6-7}

The Meaning of The Cross

- Why did the Holy Son of God have to suffer & die? Isaiah 53:3-12
- Jesus fulfilled the Covenant of Works so we can know the Covenant of Grace! 1 Cor 15:22; 2 Cor 5:21

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