

Couldn't There Have Been Another Way?

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Hebrews 2:10-18

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Reminder:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better!
- As believers we can easily lose perspective of the wonder of being a Christian redeemed by Christ and a member of Christ's kingdom!

Why Jesus Died as a Man

- Why did Christ have to live as a man only to die as a man, couldn't there have been another way?

Jesus Died as a Man because Suffering is Fitting with God's Character 10

- God always does what is right (holy)
- In it He brought many sons to glory^{Gen46:4;50:24;Ex3:10;16-17;6:6;7:3-4}
- God brought His people out: Passover - death & shed blood
- Jesus was the Passover lamb so He could bring us out!
- Be confident of your salvation - it was planned from eternity

Jesus Died as a Man to Identify with Humanity¹¹⁻¹³

- Ever embarrassed by the simplicity of the Gospel?
- Gospel – you do nothing to save but believe
- 3 OT quotes Psa22:22; Isa8:17,18
- Psa 22: v1-21 cries for help; v22 God answered his cry and he will tell of your name to my brothers^{Heb2:11} ...
- Jesus is NOT afraid to call believers BROTHERS!
- Isaiah 8:17,18 Hebrews applies this – believers are the children whom the Lord gave Jesus^{Jn6:37;10:27;17:26}

Jesus Died as a Man to Become a Substitute for Humanity

- Jesus is better because of what He accomplished as a man
- Jesus couldn't redeem mankind unless He was a man

Jesus as our Substitute Destroyed the Power of Death¹⁴⁻¹⁶

- Jesus rendered Satan powerless, can't terrorize believers
- Jesus helps offspring of Abraham^{1Co15:55;Gal3:7,9,29}
- Believers need not fear death because of Jesus!

Jesus as our Substitute Removed God's Wrath¹⁶⁻¹⁷

- As a man, Jesus was a perfect High Priest
- Propitiation: took the righteous wrath of God for our sins upon Himself and quenched God's wrath!

Jesus' Incarnation gives Believers Strength to Live for God¹⁸

- Jesus did what Adam should have done w/o sinning
- Therefore Jesus is able to come to our aid with temptation
- Pray & call out: 1 Cor 10:13 Jesus will help!

Couldn't there have been another way? NO!

God redeemed us through Jesus in the best and most glorious way possible – Oh the Glorious Gospel!

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