

THE MOVIE IS OVER... NOW MEET THE CAST!

Why Did Jesus Die?
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BIG IDEA: Jesus died because God graciously directed the lightning bolt of His judgment toward His own Son, rather than at us the sinners, thereby dramatically solving our sin problem.

The Problem: We sin. And our sin is ultimately directed against the Holy God.

“Therefore sin is not small, because it is not against a small Sovereign. The seriousness of an insult rises with the dignity of the one insulted.”

– John Piper

The Solution: The death of Christ.

Three reasons (among many) why Jesus died:

I. _____ = **Instead of us. “The Great Replacement”**

*“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom **for** many.”* Mark 10:45

- **Anti** = in the _____ of

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

- **Huper** = for the _____ of

II. _____ = Price paid for us. “The Great Repayment”

“...even denying the sovereign Lord who **bought** them...” 2 Peter 2:1

- **bought** = _____ of a price

“Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.’”

Galatians 3:13

- **redeemed** = payment of a price, but it is _____ from sale

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were **redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” 1 Peter 1:18-19

- **redeemed** = payment of a price, removed from sale, and now given _____

III. _____ = Hostility to Harmony. “The Great Reinstatement”

“For if, when 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!**” Romans 5:10

If these have been done for me... if Jesus took the full force of the lightning strike for me... how shall I then live?