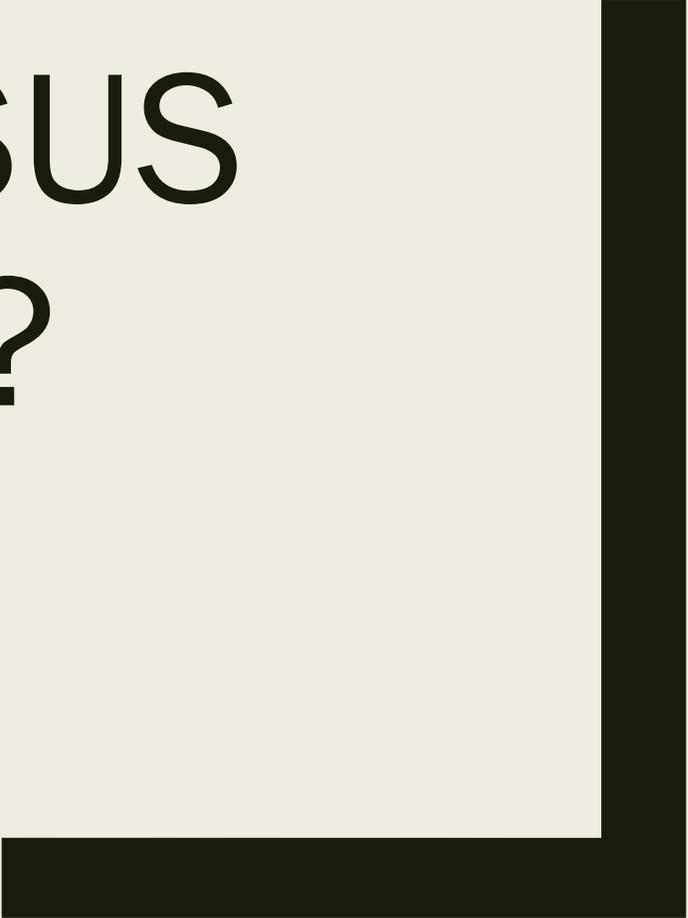




WHY WAS JESUS CRUCIFIED?

Isaiah 53:4-6



Have you ever wondered...

- Why was Jesus crucified?
- Why did he have to die?
- Did he have to die?
- *⁵² "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" (Matt. 26:52-54 NIV)*

So, who killed Jesus?

- Judas delivered him to the Jews – the Jews delivered him to Pilate – Pilate delivered him to Herod – Herod delivered him back to Pilate – Pilate delivered him to the soldiers – the soldiers crucified him.
- ²² *"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. (Acts 2:22-23 NIV)*

So, who killed Jesus?

- *⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. (Isa. 53:6-8 NIV)*
- *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 pole." (Gal. 3:13 NIV) (Deut. 21:23)*

So, who killed Jesus?

- He identified with us in his baptism and temptation.
- *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (Jn. 10:11 NIV)*
- *¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life-- only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."* (Jn. 10:17-18 NIV)
- He died because of us and he died for us.

Why was he crucified?

- He died for us. (“This is my body given for you.”)
- He died for us that he might bring us to God. (1Pet. 4:18)
- He died for our sins. (“According to scripture”, “Once for all”)
- He died our death. (“The wages of sin is death” – death is not viewed as natural but as punishment – “second death”)
- How do we respond?
 - *I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.” (Jn. 8:24 NIV)*