**Why Is The Crucifixion of Jesus Good News?**

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1. What happened in Jesus’ final week?
	1. *Sunday — The Triumphal Entry*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!” Mark 11:1–10 (ESV)

* 1. *Monday — Clearing the Temple*
	2. *Tuesday — Day of Teaching*
	3. *Wednesday — Day of Rest*
	4. *Thursday — The Passover*
	5. *Friday — The Crucifixion*
		1. 6:00 AM — Jesus before Pilate who sent him to Herod.
		2. 7:00 AM — Herod returned him to Pilate who sentenced him to death.
		3. 8:00 AM — Jesus led away to be crucified
		4. 9:00 AM - Jesus’ crucifixion begins
		5. 10:00 AM — Soldiers divide up his clothing
		6. 11:00 AM — One criminal insults him, while the other trusts him.
		7. 12:00 PM—3:00 PM — Darkness come over the land
		8. 3:00 PM — Jesus died
1. What is the historical background of crucifixion?
2. What happened to Jesus’ body when he was crucified?

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” John 12:27–28 (ESV)

As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— Isaiah 52:14 (ESV)

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Isaiah 53:3 (ESV)

1. What else did Jesus experience when he was crucified?

but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. Isaiah 59:2 (ESV)

* 1. Jesus took on our sin.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 (ESV)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:3 (ESV)

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— Galatians 3:13 (ESV)

* 1. Jesus endured the pain of our sin.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

* 1. Jesus experienced the abandonment of the father.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:46 (ESV)

* 1. Jesus experienced the wrath from God we deserved.

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. Romans 3:23–25 (ESV)

and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. 1 Thessalonians 1:10 (ESV)

1. Why is Jesus’ crucifixion good news for Christians?
	1. Jesus took away the stain of our sin.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7 (ESV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

* 1. Jesus gave us his purity.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

* 1. Jesus conquered Satan and the fallen spiritual world.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:13–15 (ESV)

* 1. Jesus’ crucifixion shows us how much God loves us.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (ESV)

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (ESV)

Digging Deeper Sermon Study

* 1. How has this study enabled you to appreciate Christ’s death more than before?
	2. Read Romans 8:31-39. If Christ bore all the guilt of our sin, all the wrath of God against us, and all the penalty we deserve, will God ever turn his wrath against us as believers?
	3. Read Colossians 1:13, Hebrews 2:15, Romans 6:11, 14. Jesus’ death delivered us from the guilt and power of sin. As Christians, when we struggle with sin, how can we better appropriate Christ’s victory over sin into our life? How should a Christian change their thinking about sin?
	4. Read 1 John 1:7, Revelation 1:5b. Why is maintaining a vibrant walk with Christ essential to experiencing a life of holiness like Christ? How is a vibrant walk with Christ maintained?