



Passion Week: March 26, 2024

Death of Christ

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- I. **Jesus Christ's death was foretold in the OT and confirmed in the NT.**
 - a. **It was foretold in the Old Testament.**

Isaiah 53:10–12— 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. **11** Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Zechariah 12:10— 10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

- b. **It was foretold by others while Jesus was on earth**

John 1:29— 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Luke 2:29-32— 29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; **30** for my eyes have seen your salvation **31** that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

- c. **It was confirmed as God's plan from eternity past.**

Revelation 13:8— 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

- II. **Jesus Christ's death was predicted by Jesus himself.**

Matthew 16:21— 21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Matthew 17:22–23— 22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, **23** and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.

Matthew 26:12— 12 In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.

III. Jesus Christ willingly planned to give his life

John 10:11— 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:15— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:17–18— 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may 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 I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

John 13:1— 1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

1 John 3:16— 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

IV. Jesus Christ’s death was a unique sacrifice

Hebrews 7:27— 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

Hebrews 9:26— 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 9:28— 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 10:12— 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

1 John 2:2— 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

What is the significance of Jesus Christ's death?

I. Jesus Christ's death establishes the new covenant

Luke 22:20— 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Hebrews 9:15— 15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Hebrews 13:20— 20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

II. Jesus Christ's death is a victory

Colossians 2:14–15— 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. **15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Hebrews 2:14–15— 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, **15** and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Revelation 12:11— 11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

III. Jesus Christ's death brings redemption

Revelation 5:9— 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

Mark 10:45— 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Acts 20:28 — 28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

Galatians 3:13— 13 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" —

Ephesians 1:7— 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

Titus 2:14— 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

1 Peter 1:18–19— 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

IV. Jesus Christ's death brings forgiveness and cleansing

1 John 1:7— 7 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.

Hebrews 9:14— 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Revelation 1:5— 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

V. Jesus Christ's death brings sanctification

Hebrews 13:12— 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

Hebrews 10:14— 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

VI. Jesus' death is significant and believers identify with His death

Romans 6:3–8— 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

2 Timothy 2:11— 11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

