

RESURRECTION

DEATH WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING

Why the Cross?

Matthew 27:27-50

What happened to Jesus on the Cross?

- Scourging
- Mocking
- Torture
- Death

Why would God put Jesus through this?

Because sin enslaves and destroys us.

Because justice demands punishment for sin.

Because God absorbed our punishment by placing it on Jesus.

Download "Why the Cross?" by Tim Hawks (04/23/17) free, or share it via email, Facebook, or Twitter at hcbc.com/media. CDs may be purchased at the Lakeline Campus Media Center.

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Spend some time meditating on the suffering of Jesus on the cross. What thoughts and feelings come to mind? How does the cross raise our alarm about the human condition?
- 2) Think through the history of the world. What does history tell us about the nature of humanity? What does the history of your life tell about your nature? See Romans 3:23.
- 3) If God decided to just give everyone a “free pass” what would that say about His goodness and His grace?
- 4) Why is the message of Jesus’ substitutionary death and miraculous resurrection called the Gospel, which means “good news”? Who do you know that needs to hear the “good news”?



Memory Verse

*He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours
but also for the sins of the whole world.*

1 John 2:2