

TALK 7

• Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

Mark 15:16–39

1. To Fulfill Scripture. (Psalm 22)

- Isaiah 53:12 - "He was numbered with the transgressors."
- Psalm 31 - "Wine mixed with myrrh"
- Psalm 69:21 - "and wine mixed with vinegar."
- Psalm 22:1 - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?"
- Psalm 22:7-8 - "All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads 'He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!'" (Psalm 22:7-8)
- Psalm 22:16-18 - "For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet - I can count all my bones - they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

2. To Ransom Us. (Mark 15:33–34)

- Mark 10:45 - "The Son of man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many."
- "God forsaking God, who can understand that?"¹² – Martin Luther
- Mark 1:11 - "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
- Matthew 12:18 - "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased."
- John 5:20 - "For the Father loves the Son."
- John 8:29 - "And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."
- John 17:24-26 - "... you loved me before the foundation of the world... I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."
- John 14:31 - "But the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me."
- "Thirty-three years earlier there had been brightness and music at midnight when Jesus was born. Now there is darkness and silence at noontide as he dies."¹³ – R. Kent Hughes
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 - "God made Him who had no sin to become sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."
- "Once he had done that, God the Father had to forsake all that sin. When Jesus was wearing our sin on the cross, God the Father could not bear to look at the sin or at his Son. He had to avert his gaze. He had to shield his eyes. He had to turn his back. He had to condemn and reject and curse and damn that sin."¹⁴ – Phillip Ryken

3. To Bring Us Near. (Mark 15:37–38)

Discussion Starters

- What are your thoughts about this talk?
- Why do you think that the death of Jesus was different than other deaths?
- How does the death of Jesus by crucifixion make you feel?
- What do you think about Jesus being forsaken by God in our place?
- How do you feel about the concept of people needing to be redeemed?
- Jim said that Jesus died to bring us near God. Do you feel that you are near to God, or far away? Has that changed since the start of the Bridge Course?

Book Recommendation

- *50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die*, John Piper