

Why did **Jesus** die?



Why is the cross the symbol of Christianity?

'... the Son of God... loved me and gave himself for me'

Galatians 2:20



Problem



Solution



Result

1. The **Problem**

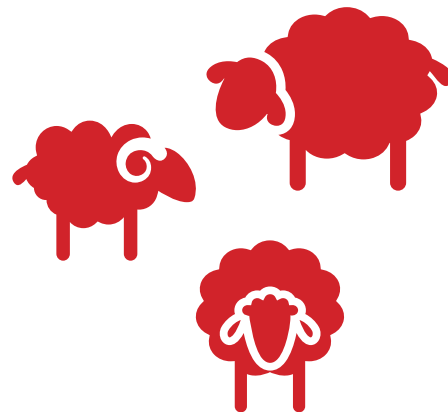
- Pollution of sin (**Mark 7:20–23**)
- Power of sin (**John 8:34**)
- Penalty for sin (**Romans 6:23**)
- Partition of sin (**Isaiah 59:2**)



There's a verse in the Old Testament which prophesied the death of Jesus, and it goes like this:

'We all, like sheep, have gone astray, we have turned – every one – to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.'

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)



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'Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive.'

C.S. Lewis



'Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.'

Corrie Ten Boom

2. The Solution

- 'The self-substitution of God' (**1 Peter 2:24**)
- Agony of the cross (**Isaiah 53:6**)

2. The Result



The Prodigal Son by Charles Mackesy

The **cross** shows:

- You are infinitely valuable to God
- Jesus is the supreme example of love (**John 15:13**)
- God is not aloof from suffering
- The powers of evil have been defeated: the resurrection wasn't the reversal of a defeat; it was the manifestation of a victory
- The partition has been removed (**2 Corinthians 5:19**) - Reconciliation with God and in other relationships
- The penalty has been paid - Justified (**'Just-as-if-I'd never sinned'**)

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