

# THE SADDEST DAY IN HISTORY

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Text: Isaiah 53:1-12

Introduction: The day that Jesus died was the saddest in the history of the world. One of the most challenging questions for a non-believer to answer is “Why did Jesus die?” If he was just a man, what was He trying to prove? Even the thieves on the cross wondered why He would choose such a cruel death. I want to share with you some reasons why Jesus chose to die on the cross. . . .

Discussion:

**I. *Jesus died to make a statement (vs.1-3)***

What can these verses teach us?

Why should we be passionate about Jesus?

**II. *Jesus died to bear our sorrows (v.4)***

What do you think it means to bear our sorrows?

How do you feel when you have to do this for others?

**III. *Jesus died to give us peace (v.5)***

How can we receive a peace that surpasses all understanding?

Why is peace hard to achieve?

**IV. *Jesus died to return us to God (v.6)***

Why is restoration necessary?

Why did Jesus choose to be our mediator?

**V. *Jesus died to satisfy God (vs.7-10)***

How do you feel when you read of His humiliation?

Why did His punishment have to be so cruel?

**VI. *Jesus died to receive glory (v.11)***

How can we know that Jesus was pleased with His work?

What does it mean to have him carry our sins away?

**VII. *Jesus died to make intercession for us (v.12)***

What does it mean to make intercession for someone?

Why does Jesus ask God to forgive us?

Conclusion: Jesus died so that we might be saved. The Bible teaches us that we must also experience death, burial, and resurrection (**Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:6**). Are you ready to submit to Him? He wants you to spend eternity with Him.

WORD OF THE DAY = “JESUS”

