



Jesus' DEATH

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What an amazing death, and what an amazing Savior! Will you yield to Him today?

In 1 Peter 2:21-25, we see Jesus set forth as our “example” in suffering. Obviously, this was to encourage brethren in the first century who were going through some difficult times. But we also learn some very important things about the death of our Lord. Let us consider some of them here.

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**Understanding the Death of Jesus
The Last Words of a Dying Savior
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It was a suffering death (1 Peter 2:21)

- ALL suffer; and WE are “called” to suffer – and Christ *personally* showed us how!
- Since Jesus is God, we may forget that His sufferings were “in the flesh” (4:1) - Garden dread, sweat *as* blood, falsely accused, mock trial, scourged, thorny crown...
- Then, **crucifixion** – an agonizing death by slow asphyxiation! (Passion movie)
- The lesson for us: *If Christ can endure His sufferings, I can endure mine!*

It was a sinless death (1 Peter 2:22)

- The OT *foreshadowed* that a sinless sacrifice was required (*lamb without spot*)
- Jesus Christ “fits the bill” as that sinless offering (1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:22; 3:18)
- MANY other passages confirm this truth! (John 8:46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26)
- Just think! If He had ever sinned, He COULD NOT have been our sin-offering!
- Another lesson for us: *If Christ can overcome sin, I can, too!* (Note: “It is written”)

It was a selfless death (1 Peter 2:23)

- When He suffered, He did NOT return insult for insult, NOR seek revenge!
- Instead, He committed Himself totally and completely to the will of God!
- He **voluntarily** and **selflessly** gave *Himself* up to death (Philippians 2:5-8; John 10:17-18)
- Who crucified Him? Jews, Romans, **and me**; but only because He allowed it!
- Lesson: the root of sin is self-ISH-ness; *we need more self-LESS-ness!*

It was a sacrificial death (1 Peter 2:24)

- Note: “He Himself bore our sins” = “He personally carried away our sins” (NLT)
- He did NOT bear our *guilt* (sinless), NOR our *penalty* (Hell), as “Calvinism” teaches
- But “bore” sin as a sacrifice in order to REMOVE it (Hebrews 9:26-28; and John 1:29)
- As animal bodies were offered *on the altar*, so Christ’s body was offered “*on the tree*”
- We can even learn a lesson from this: WE must sacrifice for Christ! (Romans 12:1)

It was a shepherding death (v.25)

- Our Shepherd knows how to call (DRAW) the sheep to Himself! Note how:
- **Via the cross**, we are DRAWN to the Chief-Shepherd (John 3:14-15; 8:28; 12:32)
- The gospel (story of the cross) IS that “drawing power” (1Corinthians 15:3-4)
- How can we NOT be drawn by such selfless love? (John 3:16; 15:13; Romans 5:8)

-Lanny Smith



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