

WHY THE CROSS?

John 19:1-7, 16-18, 23-30

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

1. Jesus crucified **testifies to God's truth** that judgment is due; but we can be saved.
2. Jesus crucified, alone, is our **refuge from the wrath of God**.
3. Jesus crucified is the **spiritual weapon to destroy the works of satan**.
4. Jesus crucified is the "**wage of sin**" paid. Now, salvation and forgiveness can be offered.

KEY POINTS

Why the cross?

1. The cross is God's testifier that judgment is due but salvation is provided.
 1. God's love, grace and mercy **are not free**.
 2. A **difference is present** in God's righteousness and ours.
 3. Jesus **brings God's perspective** on sin, judgment, and salvation.

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2. **Jesus crucified is our refuge** from the full extent of the **wrath of God**.

- Isaiah 26:20-21; 30:27-28
- Romans 2:5, Col 3:5-6, Rev 6:16-17, 15:1, 16:1, 19:15
- Rom 5:9-10, 1 Thess 5:9-10, 1 Thess 1:10

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3. Jesus crucified is the spiritual weapon used by God to **destroy the works of satan**.
 - 1 John 3:8
 - Heb 2:10-15: God had to become a human being.
 - Temptation had to be triumphed
 - Accusations had to be silenced.

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4. So Jesus crucified **could offer the gift of forgiveness to all**. Romans 6:23

- Isaiah 53:5-6,
- Col 2:13-14, Col 1:13-14, 1 Peter 2:21-24, John 3:17, 1 Tim 1:15, Matt 18:11, John 5:24

NEXT STEPS

1. Study the word “wrath” in Scripture this next week.
2. Contemplate how you can keep people you know from experiencing the wrath of God.
3. Ask 3 people to attend the Easter Pageant as your guest.