

# Christology Lesson 11

## *THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST (1)*

Matthew 27:27-54

### 1. WHY DID JESUS DIE?

#### A. TO DO THE WILL OF GOD - *Hebrews 10:7-14*

- The sacrifice of Jesus was determined before the foundation of the world. (*1 Peter 1:20; Rev. 3:8*) It wasn't an impulsive decision for God to become flesh in an attempt to redeem mankind. Even so, it was still the will of Jesus to willingly submit to the cross at the appointed time "*and by this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*"

#### B. TO SAVE LOST SINNERS - *Matthew 9:13; Luke 19:10; 1 Timothy 1:15*

- That is the Gospel Message
- Jesus did not come into the world to judge but to save. (*John 3:17-19, John 8:2-11*)

#### C. TO FULFILL THE LAW - *Matthew 5:1*. The heart and soul of the Old Testament Law was the sacrificial system. The penalties for breaking the law were handled by this sacrificial system. Everything that is pictured there is pointing to God's way that man can come to him.

- We can approach a holy God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ! "The blood of bulls and goats can never take away sins" *Heb.10:4*
- He did not put an end to the Law... He fulfilled the law.
  - i. The law required death for disobedience. Even after Jesus came and died the law is just as much in effect as it was in the old testament. Spiritual death will come to those who have not entered into a new covenant with God based on faith.
  - ii. *Romans 10:4* Christ is the end of the law for those who believe. Christ fulfilled the law, dying for sins. His sacrifice is sufficient for all (*1 Tim 2:6*), but will substitute for many...those who believe. (*Matt 20:28*)

#### D. TO REDEEM THOSE WHO ARE UNDER THE LAW

*Galatians 3:13-14, 24; 4:4-5*

- Paul is talking about the slave market: The word "*agora*" is a Greek word for "*purchase*" or "*buying market*". The word used for "*redeem*" is "*agoradzo*" which means "*to buy out of*".
- There is a price associated with redemption! *1 Peter 1:18*
- There is another word that is used of our redemption in the Bible that means "If a former slave owner, who- for some reason or another does not like you he could take you to the slave market in hopes that some other owner will buy you. The new owner redeems

you from being a slave to that owner to become his slave.

- i. As believers we have left a state of being Satan's slave, and we are now a slave of Jesus Christ.
- There is another word used of our redemption in the Bible that speaks of a wealthy man who first redeems a slave from the slave market in order to set him free so that he will never be a slave again. Then He falls in love with him and thinks "you just like a son to me. You know what I am going to adopt you as my son and all that I have belongs to you"
  - i. Jesus redeemed us from being a slave to sin, death, hell and Satan. We have been bought with a price, the precious blood of Jesus and we belong there no more.
  - ii. When Jesus redeemed us he also adopted us as sons. We are now joint heirs with Jesus Christ.
- Jesus redeemed us from God's wrath and God's curse.
  - i. Any man hung on a tree was cursed by God (*Duet 21:23*)
  - ii. *Christ became a curse for us in that he took our sins upon Himself when He was hung there upon the tree, He took the curse of God against sin. The law condemns us to die. But Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, because he became a curse for us.*
  - iii. *When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden God brought forth a four fold curse: On man, on women, on the earth and on the serpent. (Gen 3:13-19) Interestingly enough as part of the curse on the ground thorns and thistles would grow. Not only did Jesus die the death that was cursed by God but the Roman soldiers also crowned him with a crown of thorns. This was a sign of the curse of God against the earth that was caused by sin.*