

## WHY JESUS HAD TO DIE ON A CROSS

Genesis 3:14-15

Romans 5:12-17

Isaiah 10:1-3

Habakkuk 1:2-4

Jeremiah 31:31-34

### Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- Do you observe the season of Lent? If so, how? What does Lent mean to you?
- What does the term covenant mean?

Have you ever read a book or watched a movie, then years later realize either you don't remember the ending or you've forgotten a key event that explains *why* the book or movie ends the way it does? Sometimes we need to revisit our favorite movies and books to fully remember and appreciate their details. The same is true, and even more important, for our faith. As Christians, we believe that Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. This is an important truth and when we revisit Scripture to remind ourselves *why* Jesus needed to die on the cross, it can help us grow in our faith each time we study it. So join us this Lent as we study passages that help us understand why Jesus' death on the cross was necessary and together we'll grow in our understanding of human fallenness, God's covenant, God's character, and God's love.

**Listen:** [\*Why Jesus Had to Die on a Cross\*](#)

### Reflection

After listening, consider:

- What did this episode stir in you? Guilt? Hope? Relief? What thoughts or feelings did you notice as you listened?
- In segment 1, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney discuss two reasons why Jesus had to die on the cross: 1) a "situation of cosmic sinfulness and brokenness" that must be addressed, 2) God's holy, righteous, and just character. Which reason, in particular, do you think you hear about most in church or Bible studies during Lent? Did you learn anything new as Darrell and Scott discussed [Genesis 3:14-15](#) or [Romans 5:12-17](#)?
- In segment 2, Darrell notes our human tendency to compare our moral line with another person's moral line. When do you find yourself most tempted to compare your moral line with someone else's? What can you do to remind yourself to focus on God's moral line and Christ?
- What is your personal experience with what Darrell called the "stupid cycle"? Read [Romans 7:14-25](#). How do the Apostle Paul's words in Romans help you better understand our human experience? How do

they convict you? How do they give you hope?

- What does it mean to you that God loves you enough that he would satisfy the old covenant with the blood of his son Jesus *and* stick around to make a new covenant with you, *AND* put the law inside you and give you his Spirit to help you keep this new covenant?

## Related Passages

- **Romans 3:21-26**
- **Joel 2:28-32**
- **Acts 2:1-41**
- **Romans 7:14-25**

## Conclusion

Close your time of study in prayer. Tell God about the feelings you noticed as you reflected on the last question. Confess any sins you're stuck in and, if you're ready, ask God to break the cycle. Tell him what his love and Christ's sacrifice mean to you.

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