

The Passion of Jesus Christ

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Lesson five: Jesus took my place

Read aloud:

So far, we've learned that Jesus is God and therefore has the authority to say and do whatever he wants. That made the Pharisees angry – so angry they wanted to kill him.

During the time Jesus lived on earth, the Roman Empire ruled over the Jewish people. Since the Pharisees didn't have the authority to sentence someone to death, they convinced the Roman government to kill Jesus. They demanded that Jesus die on a cross — the most painful punishment the Roman government had.

But the Jewish people and the Romans didn't kill Jesus. Instead, Jesus willingly allowed his blood to be shed and died an incredibly painful death. Jesus chose to die so that sin wouldn't separate us from God.

Let's open our Bible and read 1 Peter 2:24 out loud. Let's also read Isaiah 53:5.

Because Jesus was wounded, our relationship with God is healed! Because Jesus died, we can live with God as part of his family forever.

Aren't you glad Jesus conquered death? Those of us who believe in him will experience death, but only for a split second. The Bible says that when we die, we're present with the Lord. It's like falling asleep in the car and waking up in your own bed, carried there by your parents.

Let's read Hebrews 7:27, 9:26 and 10:10-14.

Jesus Christ's death on the cross was for you and me. He took our place. We no longer need to make animal sacrifices. Why? Because Jesus became the perfect sacrifice – one time for all people.

Romans 5:10 tells us that because of Jesus Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection three days later, we can be friends with God. The Bible also says our sins are completely forgiven, we become part of God's family, and we will live with God forever.

That's the most wonderful news in the whole universe!

Talk about it:

1. Do you believe Jesus died for your sins on the cross? Do you believe that Jesus rose from the dead three days later?
2. Do you want to pray, thanking God for saving you?

Suggested prayer:

Dear God, thank you for sending your son, Jesus Christ, to earth. Thank you that Jesus was willing to shed his blood and give his life for my sins. Thank you that Jesus rose again from the dead. I ask the Lord Jesus to be my saviour. Thank you for the wonderful gift of your salvation. Thank you for forgiving my sins and making me part of your family forever. I love you and want to live for you all my days. Amen.

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