

JESUS LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE

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The Gospel (good news) is that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures, He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

- Christ intended for this message to be simple, not complicated (2 Cor. 11:3).
- It should continue to amaze you that Christ died for your sins while you were yet a sinner (Rom 5:8).
- Remembering the Gospel will help you love Jesus Christ continually.

JOHN 10:17-18

- Nobody killed Jesus Christ.
- Christ laid down His own life to pay for our sins.
- No one but Christ has the power to lay down his own life.

ECCLESIASTES 8:8

- No man has power to retain the spirit. Man will always strive to stay alive, but he doesn't have the power to win that war.

ACTS 7:54-59

- A man can request that the Lord receive his spirit. That's the best he can do.

LUKE 23:42-46

- Jesus could willfully send His spirit home to the Father.

JOHN 19:31-34

- The Roman soldiers broke the legs of the two men crucified on either side of Jesus.
- They may have been apprehensive about breaking Jesus' legs after witnessing the sun going dark. They knew He didn't belong on that cross.
- The scripture says in Psalm 34:20, "**He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.**"
- After they saw that Jesus was dead, they pierced His side (vs 34).
 - The blood proved that Jesus didn't die from blood-loss.
 - The water proved that Jesus didn't die from dehydration.
 - Jesus was a strong healthy man. It would have taken days for Him to die naturally.
 - Proof that He gave His own life; He wasn't killed.

MATTHEW 27:50-51

- When Jesus cried out and gave up the ghost, the veil of the temple was ripped into two pieces from the top to the bottom. (Indicating that the Lord did the ripping)
- Jesus came to take away the first covenant and to establish the second (Hebrews 10:9).
 - Under the first covenant (Old Testament Law), only the High Priest could enter through the veil into the Holy of Holies: once a year, not without blood.
 - Under the new covenant, the veil is removed. Those in Christ, as part of a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9), can enter into God's presence and fellowship with Him any time they desire.

HEBREWS 9:11-12

- Jesus Christ, as our High Priest, entered the Holy of Holies and offered His own precious blood for our sins once for all. No further blood sacrifices will ever be required.
 - Jesus' blood satisfied God's holy requirement as the payment for our sins (Romans 3:25, 1 John 2:2, 4:10).

MATTHEW 27:52-54

- Dead saints came out of their graves and appeared unto many after Jesus' resurrection.
 - This was proof that Jesus Christ had conquered death.
 - Jesus took those saints home to heaven with Him (Eph. 4:8, Psa. 68:18).
- Vs 54, people who witnessed all these supernatural events were convinced that Jesus was the Son of God.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:31).