



God didn't Become man just for the hell of it.

The Bible says that Jesus was God "in the flesh." God can do anything. So why, as a man, would he choose to die a horrific death? Jesus was nailed to a cross. What was it all for? For nothing?

Actually, his reason centers around you. From God's perspective, you have chosen to live independently from God. Often contrary to God. We all have. We know what would be right to do, but then we do what we want anyway. The Bible describes the consequences of this: "Your iniquity [sin] has made a separation between you and your God." What many people don't know is that the Bible says the penalty for our sin is *death*. We remain separated from God, forever. That is how holy God is, and how awful our sin is in his eyes. And that's where Jesus comes in.

Out of his love, Jesus took all of our sin on himself, and died in our place. "God shows his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus then rose from the dead, three days later, just as he said he would. He took care of the sin that separated us from him, and now offers us his forgiveness and to come into our lives.

Do you want God to remain distant? Or would you like God to forgive you and enter your life? It's an important decision. To consider this more, read the section called "John" in the Bible, and see the feature article BEYOND BLIND FAITH at www.EveryStudent.com.

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