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JESUS SAID, IT IS FINISHED.**

**WITH THAT, HE BOWED HIS HEAD AND
GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT.**

Why did he do it? Jesus, the Son of God. Why would he leave heaven to endure the torture, pain, humiliation of the cross?

Ultimately it was not the Romans and Jews controlling Jesus' death. Jesus was never fully at their mercy.

This was Jesus, who healed the blind, even raised people back to life! One was his friend, Lazarus, who had been buried in a tomb for four days! Following that one, the authorities said, "If we let him go on like this, the whole world will be following him." Indeed.

Jesus voluntarily gave up his life. Why??

For us. To step in and take our place. To pay the harsh punishment for our sins. Again, why? Because our sin was keeping us from him. He was willing to do this, to remove the barrier—to offer us forgiveness.

What this means is that you can make a new beginning with God. And he is offering you that. Look at Jesus' passion. Is there any question how much he wants you to know him?

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