

THE PASSION

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THE BIG PICTURE.

Jesus of Nazareth died a horrible death. There's no doubt about it. But why? Why did God's Son allow himself to be captured, and tortured, and executed as a criminal?

Yes, he said things about himself that violently upset people. They heard his statements like, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." And their reaction was predictable: "You a mere man, are making yourself out to be God!"

Yes, he performed miracles that were astonishing. Healing the blind. Even raising the dead. Once he brought someone's son back to life while they were carrying him in a casket down the street! Again, their reaction was not surprising: "If we let him go on thus, the whole world will be following him." Indeed.

But couldn't Jesus have prevented his punishment and death? Absolutely. Jesus was never fully at the mercy of man. This was God, in human form. So why did he allow himself to be crucified?

He told us why: "No greater love has any man than this, that a man would lay down his life for his friends." He knew that we were headed for death. We would receive God's full punishment for our sin. We were under God's judgment and condemnation. This is why Jesus laid down his life...to take our place. To pay for our sin. So that we wouldn't die eternally separated from him because of our sin...he took our punishment.

"God demonstrates his own love for us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Jesus voluntarily went through this horror for a very strong reason. He wants us to know him. To find out how to begin a relationship with God, please visit

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