

Why Christ Had to Suffer

The Mysteries of Easter #2

How Jesus Suffered

Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:40-46; John 18

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Matt 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:2-12

His Trials

John 18-19; Matthew 26-27

The Beatings and Sufferings

Luke 22-23; John 18-19

The Crucifixion

Matt 27:35-44; Mark 15:24-32; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:18-27

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1. To fulfill God's _____ Promise _____.

Isaiah 53:1-5 (NIV) Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

2. To satisfy God's _____ Wrath _____.

Isaiah 53:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin

Romans 3:25-26 (NCV)

²⁵ God sent him to die in our place to take away our sins. We receive forgiveness through faith in the blood of Jesus' death. This showed that God always does what is right and fair, as in the past when he was patient and did not punish people for their sins. ²⁶ And God gave Jesus to show today that he does what is right. God did this so he could judge rightly and so he could make right any person who has faith in Jesus.

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

3. To learn _____ Obedience _____.

Mark 14:36 (NIV) ³⁶ "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Hebrews 5:8 (NIV) ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered

Romans 5:3-5 (NIV) ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.