



Session 4: Jesus' Death & Your Death

CATCHING UP

Did you memorize the verse you selected in the last session?
Do you have a story to share of how God has answered prayer in the last week?

KEY VERSE

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 NIV)

WATCH the video lesson now and take notes (if you wish).

Jesus' Death and Your Death

Jesus had to die so that _____.

The payment for sin is death.
Romans 6:23 GW

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.
Romans 3:23 NLT

Now my soul is troubled and distressed, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour of trial and agony? But it was for this very purpose that I have come to this hour.
John 12:27 AMP

I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.
John 12:47 NIV

Jesus' crucifixion shows us _____.

Can you imagine loving somebody so much that you would give your own son to die in their place? But that's exactly what God did for you.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
John 3:16 NKJV

When they drove the nails through the hands of Jesus, they went straight into the heart of God.

*Christ sacrificed his life's blood to set us free,
which means that our sins are now forgiven.*
Ephesians 1:7 CEV

It's not what you do that gets you into heaven. It's what Jesus did. It's all by grace. It's all God's gift to you. All you need to do is believe and receive.

*To all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.*
John 1:12 NIV

*What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this
Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead,
we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for,
including a future in heaven—and the future starts now!*
1 Peter 1:3-4 MSG

*Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*
2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.

Romans 6:6-8 NLT

Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:11 NIV

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1 NIV

I ought to _____.

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19 NKJV

I ought to _____.

Sin is not a laughing matter. Just look at the cross.

I ought to _____.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:19 NLT

You're going to heaven because somebody told you about Jesus Christ. Is anybody going to be in heaven because of you?

Discovery Questions

1. How do you respond to the truth that your sins put Jesus on the cross?

2. What does it mean to you to be forgiven?

3. What does Jesus' conversation with the thief on the cross tell you about grace, salvation, and eternal life (see Luke 23:39-43)?

4. When Jesus was crucified, the sky grew dark, there was a violent earthquake, and the curtain in the temple was torn from top to bottom (see Matthew 27:45-53). What do you think all of that meant?

Next Steps

- Select a scripture verse from the message outline that you will memorize this week.
- Pray for your group's prayer requests.
- Dive Deeper. Read these passages about Jesus' crucifixion and burial: Matthew 27:11-66; Mark 15:1-47; Luke 23:1-56; John 18:28—19:42.