What Does Jesus' Crucifixion Teach Us, and How Does It Guide Us in Our Daily Lives?

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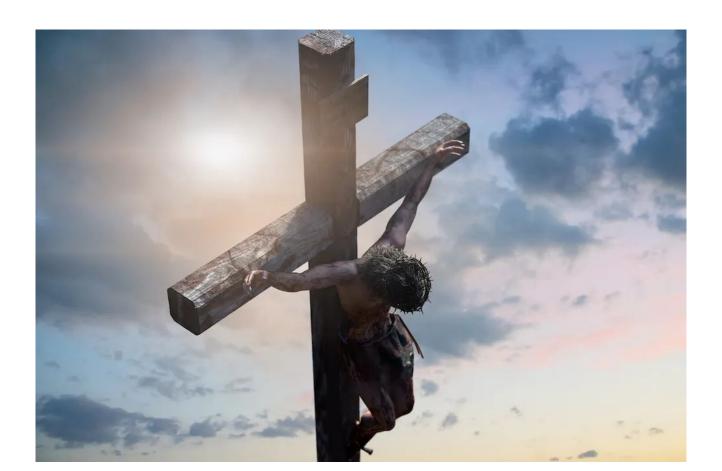
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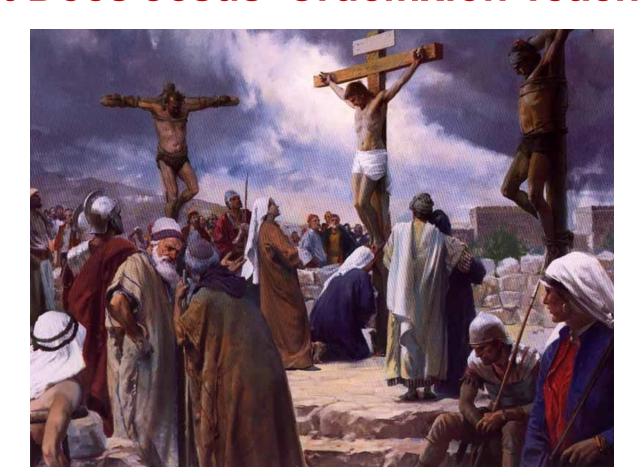
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Jesus' Death Revealed the Sins of the World

1 Peter 2:24

"As Jesus hung on the cross, the sins of the world were placed on him, and he carried our guilt."

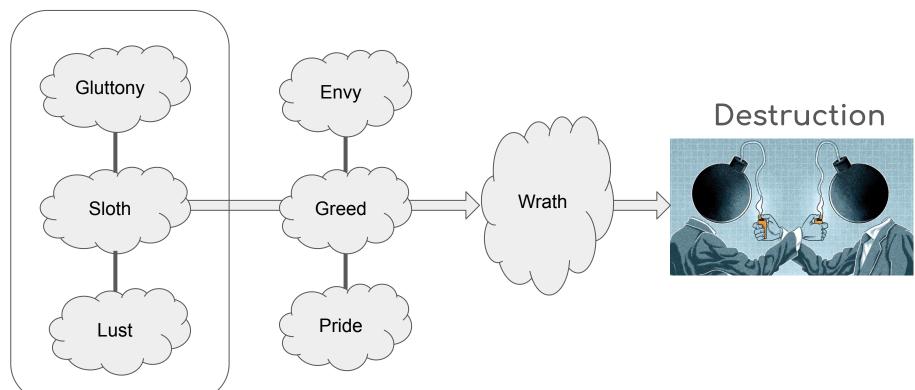
The sins of the world were placed on Jesus so that we can see the sins

What Are Sins of the World

Seven Deadly Sins (Roman Catholic theology)

- Pride: an excessive love of one's own excellence
- Greed: immoderate love for riches and earthly possessions.
- Lust: disordered desire for sexual pleasure.
- Envy: resentment at another's good fortune or excellence.
- Gluttony: excess in eating and drinking.
- Wrath: a strong feeling of hatred or resentment with a desire for vengeance
- Sloth: culpable lack of physical or spiritual effort

How Sins Lead to Destruction



The religious leaders exhibited pride in their self-righteousness and their unwillingness to accept Jesus' teachings, which challenged their authority. Their pride blinded them to the truth and led them to plot against Jesus.

John 11:48-50

If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.

Pride

Matthew 27:41-43

In the same way, the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders mocked him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.'

The jealousy of the religious leaders towards Jesus' popularity and influence among the people was a key factor in their desire to have Him put to death.

Envy

Matthew 27:18

For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

Envy

Mark 15:10

Knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

The anger and hatred directed toward Jesus by chief priests and the crowd, some of whom called for His crucifixion, illustrate the sin of wrath.

Wrath

Mark 15:13-14:

'Crucify him!' they shouted. 'Why? What crime has he committed?' asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!'

Greed

Judas Iscariot's betrayal of Jesus for thirty pieces of silver is a clear example of greed. His desire for money led him to betray his teacher and friend.

Greed

Matthew 26:14-16:

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas
Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, 'What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?' So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver.

Matthew 26:40-41:

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. 'Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?' he asked Peter. 'Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

Selfish, Cowardice or Fear (Pride & self-preservation)

In the face of potential danger and persecution, Peter's fear of being associated with Jesus led him to deny knowing Him. This fear for his own safety caused him to act against his earlier bold declarations of loyalty.

Rule of Law Will Fail

John 19:4

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

John 19:16

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

Democracy Will Fail

Mark 15:12-14

"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.

"Crucify him!" they shouted.

"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

- Be aware of human weakness. No one can be 100% trusted.
- Everyone is sinful, but not everyone is equally sinful.
- Befriend with people who are less sinful. Be constantly aware of the fact that yourself is also sinful.
- Find a less sinful place to live and work.

John 2:24-25

But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

- Learn forgiveness from Jesus Christ.
- When bad things happen to you and hurt you, be forgiving as much as possible.

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

- Forgiveness can't solve all the problems and sufferings we may have in life
- Jesus' resurrection gives us the ultimate hope of eternal life,
 of which the life on earth is just a small part. So be patient!

John 11:25-26

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

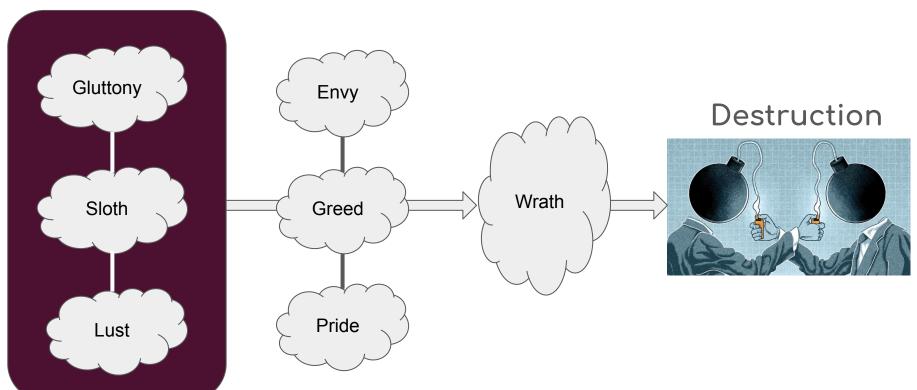
- Not only God created us but also He became us to tell us how to live a good life, not to live a destructive life.
- God also gave us the hope of eternal life.
- God did all these by having his son Jesus Christ dying on the cross. These are how God loves us.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Discussion #1:

How to Overcome Sins of Gluttony, Sloth & Lust?



Discussion #2:

Can God Get an Innocent Human Being to Die on the Cross to Reveal the Sins of the World?



Discussion #3:

How to Explain "God is My Savior" with Plain Language Only?



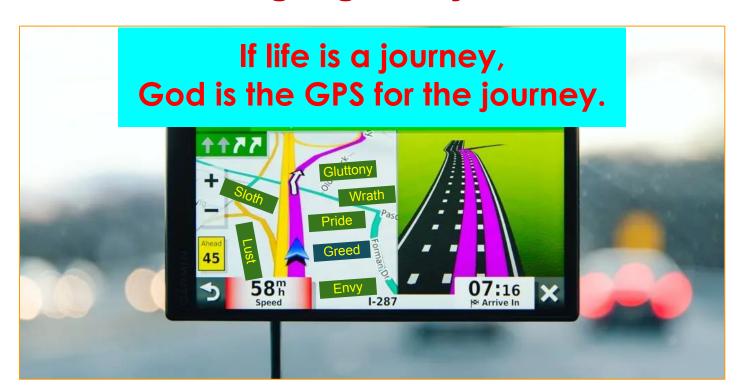
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