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Why did Jesus die? The sacrificial system and Creation. by Roger Birch. Published: 6 April 2010 (GMT+10). In my article "An Evangelical Litmus Test" I talked about the watering down of the term "evangelical". The "litmus test" I suggested as a mark of a true evangelical was an acceptance of a straight reading of Genesis 1:11 since an attack on Genesis 1:11 is basically an attack on the authority of the Bible, and hence God.1. This article has been adapted from Birch, R., Why Did Jesus Die? The sacrificial system and Creation, Salt Shakers Journal, November 2009; saltshakers.org.au. Return to text. Erickson, M.J., Christian Theology, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, p. 663, 1985. Return to text. Helpful Resources. The Creation Answers Book. Jesus died for our sins. Jesus' death also proved that a human could remain loyal to God. The Bible explains how the death of one man could accomplish so much. Why did Jesus have to suffer and die to redeem humans? Why didn't God just cancel the death sentence? God's law states that "the wages sin pays is death." (Romans 6: 23) Rather than hide this law from Adam, God told him that the penalty for disobedience would be death. (Genesis 3:3) When Adam sinned, God, "who cannot lie," kept his word. (Titus 1:2) Adam passed on to his descendants not only sin but also the wages of sin "death. Although sinful humans deserve the penalty of death, God extended to them "the riches of his undeserved kindness." So why did Jesus die? Even after dispensing with sentimentalism people are still prone to a number of other misconceptions about the death of Christ. Misconception 2: Jesus chose the cross as a deliberate attempt to start a religion. A second common misconception is to think that getting crucified was Jesus' deliberate attempt to start a religion. You will sometime hear people say that the origin of all religions is the same: that some person, of great moral, spiritual and intellectual standing, gains a new insight of truth about our human nature, and dedicates his life to teaching that truth.

Before we answer why Jesus had to die for our sins, we will first briefly answer why humans are under the penalty of death and need a Savior. God the Father is the Creator of all things through Jesus (Romans 11:36, Hebrews 2:10). He therefore owns everything, including every human who has or will ever exist, and has the divine right to set the standards regarding how his creation should live. Sin is the violation of his righteous laws (his standards), either in the letter or in their intent, which are an expression of his perfect love (James 2:10 - 11, 1John 3:4, etc.). Since God's moral Jesus died for our sins. Jesus's death also proved that a human could remain loyal to God. The Bible explains how the death of one man could accomplish so much. Why did Jesus have to suffer and die to redeem humans? Why didn't God just cancel the death sentence? God's law states that "the wages sin pays is death." (Romans 6: 23) Rather than hide this law from Adam, God told him that the penalty for disobedience would be death. (Genesis 3:3) When Adam sinned, God, "who cannot lie," kept his word. (Titus 1:2) Adam passed on to his descendants not only sin but also the wages of sin "death." Although sinful humans deserve the penalty of death, God extended to them "the riches of his undeserved kindness." Jesus said it is the judgment of the world, the casting down of the accuser, and the drawing of all men to himself (John 12:32). The self-giving love of God revealed in the cross is the divine light that exposes and judges the violent selfishness of man and heals us. It is the reconciliation of the universe and the making of shalom in all things (Col. 1:19), casting down the principalities and powers that enslave and oppress humanity. With all this focus on the cross and the revelation it contains, I think it's imperative that we are able to truly understand why Jesus died. Today, I will begin to address this question by exposing some serious errors in what has become the dominant theory of the cross in western theology. This theory goes by the name Penal Substitutionary Atonement (PSA). Why Did Jesus Die? Here's what Jesus's death and resurrection, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, was all about! Jesus Christ's death by crucifixion was reserved for the worst of criminals. In Jesus's case, it seemed just about everyone contributed. The Jewish religious leaders, the Gentile Roman government and a mob of people all demanded his death. Why? It all started in a small village, not far from Jerusalem, in Israel. At 30 years of age, Jesus began teaching people about life and God. Crowds were drawn to him. Everything about Jesus was markedly different from the ruling religious leaders.

1. Jesus Did Not Fulfill the Messianic Prophecies

What is the Messiah supposed to accomplish? One of the central themes of biblical prophecy is the promise of a future age of perfection characterized by universal peace and recognition of God. (Isaiah 2:1-4, 32:15-18, 60:15-18; Zephaniah 3:9; Hosea 2:20-22; Amos 9:13-15; Micah 4:1-4; Zechariah 8:23, 14:9; Jeremiah 31:33-34) Specifically, the Bible says he will "All past Messianic claimants, including Jesus of Nazareth, Bar Cochba and Shabbtai Tzvi have been rejected. Christians counter that Jesus will fulfill these in the Second Coming. Jewish sources show that the Messiah will fulfill the prophecies outright; in the Bible no concept of a second coming exists. \_