

Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

John 19:28-30
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Introduction

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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Main Idea: Because there was no other way for us to have a relationship with him.

I. Because God Loved Us And Wanted A Relationship with Us

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. **John 3:16**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8**

II. Because God Is Holy

*I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves along the ground.*⁴⁵ *I am the LORD, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.* **Leviticus 11:44-45**

III. Because We Are Not As Good As We Think

*We were sinners who needed a Savior!

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **Isaiah 53:6**

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **Romans 3:22-23**

See also Romans 3:10-12

IV. Because Christ Had To Earn For Us What We Could Not Earn For Ourselves

See Romans 8:3-4, 2 Corinthians 5:21