

HE WAS BORN TO DIE

*v6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. v7 Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. v8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. v9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's judgment. v10 For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. v11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God. **Romans 5:6-11***

1. THE REASON FOR HIS COMING –

v6 When we were utterly helpless

i) THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD IS COMING – Rom 2:1-11

Romans 2:6 God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

There's no impurity in God, no evil, just total perfection. Since God is holy and pure in every way, he cannot overlook the things that go against his character in people he created. The greatest conundrum in Scripture is this: how can a perfect God accept imperfect People? How can a holy God forgive unholy people?

ii) THE "LAW" CANNOT SAVE – Rom 2:12-16

Romans 2:23 You who brag about the law, do you dishonour God by breaking the law?

*Romans 4:14-15 For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, v15 **because law brings wrath.** And where there is no law there is no transgression.*

iii) WE CAN'T SAVE OURSELVES – Rom 3

*Romans 3:9-12 What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. v10 **As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;** v11 there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. v12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."*

*Romans 3:23 **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,***

iv) WE ARE FACING THE ULTIMATE REALITY – Rom 6

*Romans 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death,***

*Hebrews 9:27 **Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,***

2. THE TIMING FOR HIS COMING –

*v6 Christ came **at just the right time** and died for us sinners*

*Galatians 4:4-5 **But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, v5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.***

i) THE WORLD WAS GENERALLY PEACEFUL –

*Luke 1:5 **In the time of Herod king of Judea***

*Luke 2:1 **In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.***

With the Romans as the dominant World Power, there was generally peace in the world. Generally, the Romans, at this time, allowed people the right to “Freedom of Speech”. This made it possible for the Gospel to spread without much “legal” opposition. Much of the early persecution of the Early Church was from “religious” organisations like the Jews or other “faiths”.

ii) THE COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE WAS GOOD –

*Luke 1:39 **At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea,***

*Luke 2:3-4 **And everyone went to his own town to register. v4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.***

The roads were good and safe. (Some even exist to this day)

Messages could travel from town to town efficiently.

iii) THE PROPHECIES HAD REACHED THEIR FULFILMENT –

*Luke 1:67-75 **Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: v68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. v69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David v70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), v71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us-- v72 to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, v73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham: v74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear v75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.***

3. THE RESULT FOR HIS COMING –

v8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. v9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's judgment. v10 For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. v11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.

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*Romans 8:1-2 **Therefore there is now no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus, v2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.*

ii) WE ARE RESTORED TO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD –

*v10 For since **we were restored to friendship with God** by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, v11 ... all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has **done for us in making us friends of God***

*John 15:13-15 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. v14 You are my friends if you do what I command. v15 **I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends,** for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

iii) WE ARE FILLED WITH THE “JOY OF THE LORD” –

*v11 **So now we can rejoice in** our wonderful new relationship with God*

*1 Peter 1:8-9 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, **you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,** v9 **for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.***

CONCLUSION

**JESUS COULD ONLY DIE
“IF HE HAD A BODY”**