

EASTER

Easter Sunday: God's Sacrifice

Lesson

This lesson on Easter looks at the sacrifice made on the Cross as only God could make it. It literally was God in the form of Man dying once for all of us. If Christ was not God then his sacrifice would have fallen short.



There has only ever been one way to have our sins forgiven and that has always been through shed blood, and that of only "the anointed one" the Messiah, the Christ would suffice to cover the debt we owe. Was Christ who he said he was, did God actually go to the Cross for us?

We'll examine these questions on this special Sunday morning as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, our savior.

1. First, we need to know that Christ came from God and was God and was not simply a man born at the right time who did the right thing and died innocently in our place. Jesus truly was the one and only son of God, there were no others and there will be no others. Jesus tells us he is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, can he really make that claim? Read the following verses and jot down what they tell you about Christ and his deity:
 - a. John 1:1 (NIV)
 - b. John 8:58-59
 - c. Exodus 3:14-15
 - d. John 17:5
 - e. Isaiah 42:8
 - f. Isaiah 43:10-11
 - g. Isaiah 44:6
 - h. John 1:14
 - i. Colossians 1:15-20
2. Now that we've seen the Christ is God in the flesh how do we know that Jesus was that Christ? Read the following scriptures and write down what they tell you about Jesus being the true Messiah, the anointed one:
 - a. Isaiah 7:14
 - b. Matthew 1:21-23 >
 - c. Isaiah 9:6
 - d. Micah 5:2
 - e. Luke 2:4-7, 10-11
3. As we can see Jesus really is the Messiah, he really is God in the flesh. Did Jesus ever say to anyone that he knew he was the Messiah? Did Jesus understand what God had sent him to die for us, did he ever claim to be God in the flesh?
 - a. John 8:24
 - b. John 10:30-33

4. Knowing that Jesus was the Christ and died for all of our sins what does that mean to us today? How does Christ being raised from the dead and raised to heaven affect us who live on the earth some two thousand years after He rose from the grave?
 - a. Hebrews 1:3-4
 - b. Colossians 2:9-12
 - c. John 20:27-29
 5. It has been over two thousand years since Christ rose from the grave. Time seems to be marching on and Christ has not returned for us yet. How will we know when he does return that it's actually him, how can we keep from being fooled by imposters?
 - a. Revelation 1:7-8, 17-18
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Let's celebrate today the eternal life God has provided for all who believe on His son Jesus, and let's celebrate in a such a way the whole world can see Jesus living in each of us. Spread the word: Christ has risen! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Yours Eternally In Christ,

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