



*“Jesus Christ - Suffered, Crucified,
Died, Buried, Descended”*
Series: The Apostles’ Creed, #5
Selected Scriptures
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Theme: **Jesus Christ Died To Atone For Our Sins.**

The Fact Of Jesus Christ’s Death.

1. He suffered.
(e.g., Matthew 26:31 - 27:50; cf. Psalm 22; Isaiah 53)
2. He died.
(e.g., Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 16:19-31, 23:46; John 19:30, 33; cf. Acts 2:23, 3:13-15; Ephesians 4:4-10; 1 Peter 3:18-20; Revelation 1:18)

Why Did Jesus Christ Have To Die?

1. God is holy.
(e.g., Leviticus 11:44, 19:2; cf. 1 Peter 1:16)
2. We are sinful.
(e.g., Genesis 2:16-17; Ezekiel 18:4; Jeremiah 31:29-30; Romans 3:23, 5:12)

Why Is Jesus Christ’s Death Important?

In and by His death ...

1. He satisfied God’s righteous and holy demands.
(e.g., Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2, 4:10)
2. He is our substitute.
(e.g., Isaiah 53:1-6; Mark 10:45; John 11:49-52; Romans 5:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; 1 Timothy 2:6; Titus 2:14)

3. He redeemed us from sin.

(e.g., Acts 20:28; Galatians 3:13, 4:5; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:7-8; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2 Peter 2:1; Hebrews 9:12)

4. He reconciled us to God.

(e.g., Romans 5:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Ephesians 2:16; Colossians 1:19-22)

5. He justified us before God.

(e.g., Romans 3:20-28; Romans 5:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 2:16, 3:24; Titus 3:7)

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

* or "catholic"

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. "Jesus Christ ... suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried." This part of the Apostles' Creed emphasizes the reality of Jesus Christ's death. Read and reflect on the account in Matthew 26:31 - 27:50, or the slightly shorter one in Mark 14:43 - 15:37.

Tuesday. "Why did Jesus Christ die?" There was no other way for us to be rescued from the power and judgment of sin – Holy God can not arbitrarily excuse sin and still be holy; as sinners we can never do enough to atone for our sin. Thank God that in His love and grace Jesus Christ is our atonement.

Wednesday. "Why is Jesus Christ's Death Important?" On Sunday we looked at five key (but far from exhaustive) benefits of His death. Today review the first three – He satisfied God's righteous and holy demands, is our substitute and redeemed us from sin. As you look at the references listed on the outline, remember that Jesus Christ willingly suffered and died to accomplish these things for you, and all who believe.

Thursday. Today consider the last two accomplishments of Jesus Christ's death – He has reconciled us to God and justified us. As you review these, and the three from yesterday, what does this tell you about who and what you are as a believer?

Friday - Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at Jesus' Christ's resurrection, ascension and His future coming again. Think about these truths as you prepare for Sunday *(and remember to turn you clocks back Saturday evening for the end of daylight savings time)*.