

## Messiah's Majesty Is Completed (Matthew 26-27)

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The birth of the Lamb of God would have no significance if it did not end with a crucifixion that opened the tomb for His resurrection.

Christmas is simply the beginning of a thirty-three year process.

Jesus the Messiah did not enter the passion week as a victim, but He walked into it as an obedient victor of His Father's will.

Christmas is the light that shined on the Cross: they are forever linked.

The sacrifice of Jesus sets the example/standard for us to follow Him today.

### **1. Messiah submits to the Father's will; salvation begins with submission (Matthew 26:31-46)**

- Jesus knew the enemy was at work, but the disciples would not listen.
- Jesus actively submitted to the Father's will; there must be a time of submission before action
- Jesus purposefully faced His accusers; there comes a time when holy boldness is necessary

### **2. Messiah suffers as humanity's substitute; salvation cannot be bought with our goods, only the blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:47-Matthew 27:31)**

- Jesus' disciples abandon Him, yet He still gave His life for them. Don't let the actions of others deter you from loving them like Jesus.
- Jesus was falsely taken to trial, yet He still gave His life for righteousness. Life is not fair, but Jesus will make all things correct in His kingdom.
- Jesus was cruelly treated by the soldiers, yet He still loved them enough to die for them.

### **3. The Messiah saves through His sacrificial death; the gift of salvation cost life (Matthew 27:32-66)**

- Jesus had to pay the full price for sin, thus requiring God's abandonment. There are no shortcuts to righteousness with God.
- Jesus' death opened the access to the Father
- Jesus' sacrifice opened hearts to His message and mission: Jesus is Messiah, the Son of God
- Merry Christmas cannot be fully comprehended or communicated without accepting the finished mission of Jesus Messiah: The full payment for the sins of the world!

Joy to the World because Jesus saved the World!

JESUS is the greatest and best gift ever given!

Merry CHRISTmas!

1. How does Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46) model submission to God's will? How do Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 40:7-8; Hebrews 5:7-9; Luke 22:42 support Jesus' submission?
2. What does the innocence of Jesus (Matt. 27:4, 19, 23-24) teach us about the nature of His sacrifice? How do Isaiah 53:9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 3:5 reveal the innocence of Jesus? If Jesus isn't innocent, how would that affect His sacrifice?
3. How does Judas's betrayal fulfill OT prophecy, and what does it reveal about God's sovereignty? How do Zechariah 11:12-13; Psalm 41:9; John 13:18; Acts 1:16 prove that Jesus knew about Judas' betrayal? Why didn't God prevent it?
4. Why is the tearing of the temple veil (Matt. 27:51) essential for understanding salvation? How do Exodus 26:31-33; Hebrews 9:6-12; Hebrews 10:19-22 show the significance of the veil in the temple? How does that impact believers today?
5. In what ways does Matthew emphasize that Jesus fulfills Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 in the crucifixion narrative? How do Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Matthew 27:27-50; Acts 8:32-35 provide details about Jesus' crucifixion?
6. How does the centurion's confession (Matt. 27:54) display the universal reach of the gospel? How do Isaiah 49:6; John 12:32; Acts 10:34-43; Revelation 5:9 show the gospel reaches the world?
7. What does Jesus' cry, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matt. 27:46) teach us about substitutionary atonement? How do Psalm 22:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 2:9-10 show the impact of this cry and the value of Jesus' substitutionary atonement?