

## **Why did Jesus have to die?**

### **Christus Victor**

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*'For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.'* – Ephesians 2:8-10

**Scripture passages for this week:** 1 John 3:8, Ephesians 6:12, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, John 20:21, Romans 3:23-25, Ephesians 2:8-10

What looked like \_\_\_\_\_, ended in ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ going on between good and evil.

\_\_\_\_\_ does not get the last word.

The cross looks like \_\_\_\_\_ but Easter shows that it ends up being a decisive \_\_\_\_\_.

The phrase '\_\_\_\_ \_' was created so that in times of persecution Christians would know they are talking to another Christian if they responded with, '\_\_\_\_ \_'.

The resurrection is more than a victory, it is a call to \_\_\_\_\_ a certain way.

Pentecost = \_\_\_\_ days after the resurrection. It coincides with the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ harvest and beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_ harvest.

God came to take the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world so that we could live in \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Reflect on these questions this week:**

- Where do you see God's love triumph over evil?
- How can the resurrection encourage you in times of trial?
- How does the cross give you the courage to live your life the way Jesus taught?

### **Write other ways the Holy Spirit spoke to you here:**