

Why did Jesus have to die?

Were you there

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*'Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me' –
Matthew 16:24*

Scripture passages for this week: Ephesians 5:1-2, Luke 22:4, Luke 9:23

Ways we have talked about the cross so far:

- The Cross as _____.
- Jesus as the _____.
- Penal _____ theory.
- _____ Atonement Offering.
- Passover _____ - A new Exodus
- _____ Payment

_____ theories focus on what impact the death of Christ had on _____.

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The cross should evoke an _____, moral and spiritual reaction in us.

The Cross should _____ us.

Jesus came not just to _____ our sin, but to _____ how we should go about living our lives.

The cross should be a reminder of the _____ of putting ourselves first.

The Cross should _____ us.

The cross does not just _____ us it _____ us.

Reflect on these questions this week:

- How does the Cross motivate you?
- In what ways are you different because of your baptism? How about because of the cross?
- What do you feel called to?

For next week (3/29) where do you see love in the Cross?

Write other ways the Holy Spirit spoke to you here: