

Why Jesus' death: *(review)*● **Hebrews 2:14 - 15 (NLT)**

¹⁴Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

● **John 14:19 (NASB)** ¹⁹“After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also.

Psalms 106:13 - 15 (KJV)¹³ They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:¹⁴ But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.¹⁵ And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

“Leanness” = weakness, disease (*physically and spiritually*)

Why Jesus' burial:**1 Corinthians 15:3 - 4 (KJV)**

³For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

⁴And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

3 reasons Jesus was buried

1. *It was prophesied.*

Isaiah 53:9 (NASB) ⁹His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His Death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

Isaiah 53:9 (NLT) ⁹He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.

Matthew 12:40 (NLT) ⁴⁰For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.

2. *Burial is proof of death.*

Matthew 27:57 - 61 (NLT) - The Burial of Jesus

⁵⁷As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus,

⁵⁸went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him.

⁵⁹Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth.

⁶⁰He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left.

⁶¹Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching.

John 19:38 - 42 (NLT)

³⁸Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away.

³⁹With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes.

⁴⁰Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth.

⁴¹The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before.

⁴²And so, because it was the day of preparation for the Jewish Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

3. Resurrection “requires” burial.

John 12:24 (NASB)

²⁴“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

1 Corinthians 15:35 - 37 (NASB)

³⁵But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?”

³⁶You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies;

³⁷and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

Monday Morning Moment: Action Step – “What you do is even more important than what you say!” James 2:14 (NASB)

¹⁴What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

Side bar:

What did Jesus do while in the grave?

1 Peter 3:18 - 20 (NASB) ¹⁸For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹in which also **He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison,**

²⁰who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

Ephesians 4:8 - 10 (NASB)

⁸Therefore it says, “WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.” ⁹(Now this *expression*, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that **He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?** ¹⁰**He who descended is Himself** also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

No one can really be 100% certain. The Bible only says the following, anything else you’ve heard is purely conjecture:

- One view where Jesus was and what He did before His resurrection is that He went to Hades (the place of the dead) and made proclamation to those who were in spiritual prison.
- The word, "proclamation" in Greek is KERUSSO. It means to pronounce and is a different word from "EUAGGELIZO," which means to preach the gospel. Therefore, it is most probable that Jesus was not preaching the gospel to those in Hades/Spirit prison so they could be saved, but was instead declaring (pronouncing) the truth to them.
- After all, the Bible says, "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment," (Heb. 9:27).
- The notion of people being given a second opportunity to hear the Gospel in the afterlife is an extremely dangerous doctrine and it is counterproductive to the cause of Christ. It can potentially make people think that they can postpone their obedience to the Gospel in this life. The Bible consistently teaches that there is no second chance after death. Once a person dies his eternal destiny has been cinched----- he is reserved for judgment according to 2 Peter 2:4, 9-10.