

# **“WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?”**

**“The Weekend That Changed Everything” - Part 1**

**Palm Sunday - March 29, 2026**

**Mathew 21:9** Hosanna in the highest heaven!” (NIV)

## **4 Reasons Why Jesus Had to Die**

### **1. Our sin is more serious than we think.**

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (NLT)

**II Corinthians 5:21** Christ had no sin, but God made him become sin so that in Christ we could be right with God. (ERV)

### **2. God is more just than we realize.**

**Hebrews 9:22** In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. (NLT)

### **3. Someone had to pay the price.**

**Isaiah 53:3-5** <sup>3</sup> People made fun of him, and even his friends left him. He was a man who suffered a lot of pain. We treated him like someone of no importance, like someone people will not even look at but turn away from in disgust.

<sup>4</sup> The fact is, it was our suffering he took on himself; he bore our pain. But we thought that God was punishing him, that God was beating him for something he did. <sup>5</sup> But he was being punished for what we did. He was crushed because of our guilt. He took the punishment we deserved, and this brought us peace. We were healed because of his pain. (ERV)

#### **4. God is more loving than we can imagine.**

**Romans 5:8** But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (NLT)

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)