Jesus' Death Was Different

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to start with an odd question. How do you want to die?
- But there is one death that we've already focused on this morning that was different. And that is the death of Jesus Christ.
- Yes, he was innocent. He did not commit the crimes that he was committed of, but that's not really what makes his death unique.

1 That Was God on the Cross

James 2:26

- Jesus' death was not special in the sense that he was crucified.
- That wasn't even just a human being. He partook of flesh and blood, but don't ever forget this. He was God in the flesh.
- In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.
- For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
- Death is really at its base just the separation. That when the spirit is separated from the body, then that's death.

2 He Carried the Weight of Our Sins

Romans 3:23–26

- It wasn't just a man dying. It wasn't just an innocent man dying in anguish. But what makes his death special is that he carried the weight of our sins upon that cross.
- While the first would satisfy his judgment and his justice, and the second would satisfy his nature of love, it was only the third alternative that could satisfy both.
- Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by his blood through faith to demonstrate his righteousness.
- That he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Christ Jesus.
- Jesus is our mercy seat. He is where God's mercy is located.
- Jesus price for that sin turned away that wrath. It appeased, it satisfied the anger of God and brought out the mercy of God.

3 It Opened the Way to God

Hebrews 10:19–23

- Jesus' death was different because, unlike any other death, it opened the way to God.
- You remember one thing that took place when Jesus died? The veil of the temple was torn in two.

- Having boldness to enter the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he consecrated for us through the veil that is his flesh.
- No longer is it just the high priest on a certain day that can go to the mercy seat of God. It's now been opened through a new and living way through Jesus Christ.

4 It Was a Death Blow to Satan

- Jesus' death was different because it was a death blow to Satan.
- It looked like defeat. It looked like bad was winning over good, that Satan had defeated.
- That first prophecy was being fulfilled. He was bruising his heel. But by crushing the head of Satan.
- You've prepared for me a body that I might do your will. He won the spiritual warfare over Satan.

5 The Greatest Demonstration of Love

1 John 4:10

- Jesus' death was different because it was the greatest demonstration of love.
- If you want to see love, it's that God loved us. Because there was nothing lovable.
- There's nothing desirable in us. There was nothing warm and cuddly that drew God to us. But he loved us anyway.
- That completely unselfish act was shown toward people who were so unlovable, but he loved us still.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you respond in kind to the greatest demonstration of love? Would you accept the salvation, the pardon, the atonement that was made possible through and in this most special death that we've talked about this morning?**

MY NOTES