

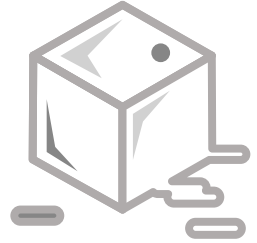
**“Jesus, why?”**

**WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2025**

## **Jesus, Why Did you have to Die?**

**SPEAKER: PASTOR MIKE BURNETTE**

**ICEBREAKER**



ARE PEEPS THE MOST DELICIOUS EASTER CANDY EVER KNOWN TO MANKIND, OR ARE THEY DISGUSTING LUMPS OF SUGARY GOO THAT SHOULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE TRASH?

### **JESUS' DEATH WAS GOD'S PLAN FOR THE WHOLE WORLD**

- Read GEN 3:15. Before you existed, God had a plan for you - the gospel of Jesus. Have you ever thought about it that way before? How does it make you feel to know He already had YOU in mind when He made this plan in the Garden?
- Read 1 John 2:2. Jesus is the propitiation for our sins - He paid for our sins. But, not just for OUR sins, but the sins of the WHOLE WORLD! We all know someone who needs to know this. Who in your life is on your heart right this minute? How will you reach out to them today, so that they will know?
- There are many religions in the world, but OUR God is the ONLY one who provided a savior who died and rose again. Only JESUS was intentionally planned to die for YOU, defeat the grave, and live today! How would you share this with someone who follows a religion based on works?

## **There's Power in the Blood**

- Jesus became the last lamb to be sacrificed, and His blood has power. It not only saves you from sin, it gives you the power to walk in a new life with Jesus. How are you walking differently, now that you have accepted the blood of Jesus as your savior?
- Pastor Mike said we are Justified (Romans 5.9), Forgiven (Ephesians 1.7), Healed (1 Peter 2.24), have Peace (Isaiah 53.5), Cleansed (1 John 1.7), overcome the devil (Revelation 12.11) and Righteous (2 Corinthians 5.21) by His blood. Which of these concepts is the least familiar to you and why? Which of these gives you the deepest gratitude for what Jesus did for you and why?
- After listening to Pastor Mike speak on the power of the blood, how do worldly traditions like hiding eggs filled with candy dilute the power of the blood? What should we change in our family traditions for next year, so we magnify the true meaning of Easter?

## **Jesus Did it for you!**

- Read HEB 9:27-28. The only way back to God is through Jesus. He is Risen and He did that just for YOU. You or someone you know needs to accept His free gift today, because you're not guaranteed tomorrow. Are you ready for that?... If YOU are ready, what about that person in your life you're thinking about right now?... When will YOU have the courage to tell THEM about Jesus?
- He knows YOUR name and He knows YOUR story. How can you use your story to encourage someone who thinks they are not worthy of His gift of salvation?



## ENCOURAGE

Jesus did it all for YOU! Even before you existed, God had a plan for you. The blood he shed was all for you. You are justified, you are forgiven, you are healed, you are cleansed! Have peace and be encouraged that our Heavenly Father loves you!



## ASK

Have you ever sat down to really consider the magnitude of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us? How does it make you feel that God sent his only son to die so that you can be saved?



## CHALLENGE

Take some time this week to spend some quiet time with God and just thank him. Thank him that he sacrificed His son to save you. Express your gratitude for the love he has for you.

## PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus, for using your own precious and powerful blood to pay the price for our sin. We thank you for justifying, forgiving, healing, and cleansing us. We praise you for your victory over death, and we acknowledge your power over evil. We pray that you will give us guidance throughout the week as we go about our lives, and that the Holy Spirit will dwell within us and help us live as you would have us. Again, we thank you for all that you've done for us and all that you do in our lives this week, in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.