

# “QUESTIONS JESUS ASKS: WAS IT NOT NECESSARY...?”

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## **JESUS ASKS QUESTIONS THAT LEAD PEOPLE TO A DEEPER TRUST IN HIM.**

### **1. WE OFTEN LOOK FOR AN EASIER, QUICKER WAY.**

how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. (Luke 24:20-21a)

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:25-26)

### **2. IN GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION, THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY.**

#### **A. FIRST THERE WAS SIN.**

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:14-15)

#### **B. GOD RESPONDS WITH THE PROMISE AND PROPHECY OF A SAVIOR.**

Messiah would be born of a woman.	Genesis 3:15	Matthew 1:20 Galatians 4:4
Messiah would be heir to King David's throne.	2 Samuel 7:12-13 Isaiah 9:7	Luke 1:32-33 Romans 1:3
Messiah would speak in parables.	Psalms 78:2-4 Isaiah 6:9-10	Matthew 13:10-15, 34-35
Messiah would be crucified with criminals and be a sacrifice for sin.	Isaiah 53:5-12	Matthew 27:38, Mark 15:27-28, Romans 5:6-8
Messiah would be forsaken by God.	Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46

#### **C. ALL WAS FULFILLED IN JESUS.**

And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:34-36)

### **3. IT IS NECESSARY TO FOLLOW GOD'S WILL.**

#### **A. BE A DISCIPLE.**

Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

#### **B. PRAY THY WILL BE DONE.**

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:38-40)

**BOTTOM LINE: IT WAS NECESSARY FOR YOUR SALVATION.**

### **GOING DEEPER**

- 1. Think of a time you tried to take the easier way rather than God's way. How did it work out? What might you need to surrender in order to follow God's way?**
- 2. What is one area in your life that you can surrender to God's will today? In other words, how can you believe, rejoice, give thanks and pray, instead of "take matters into your own hands"?**