



BIG QUESTION

Why did Jesus have to die?



Sin doesn't just make us guilty. It takes us captive. Jesus said, "everyone who sins is a slave to sin," and behind sin and death stands the devil, "the accuser." In the law of Moses, a relative could pay to buy back a family member who had become a slave. So the Son of God became our relative. He came "to give his life as a ransom for many," and paid "with the precious blood of Christ."

So who got paid? The Bible never says. The first Christians told the cross as a rescue. Around AD 180, Irenaeus wrote, "when Satan is bound, man is set free." As one Bible teacher puts it, "Satan is not paid; he is defeated."



Crack the code

Every letter was moved 3 places forward in the alphabet, so A became D. First write the code letter under each real letter (D under A, E under B...). Then use it to read the message.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

M H V X V S D L G W K H

U D Q V R P

Memory verse

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23

Fill it in: "For the _____ of sin is death, but the _____ of God is eternal _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. Is anyone too far gone for Jesus? Why not?
2. The Bible never says who got paid. Why does it matter that the captor was beaten, not paid off?
3. "You are not your own; you were bought at a price." What does that change for you?



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