

The Lamb's Necessary Sacrifice 2018-03-25

Mark 15:25-38

And it was the third hour when they crucified him. 26 And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." 27 And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. 29 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, 30 save yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

33 And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 35 And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." 36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Sacrifice of Lamb of God on cross fulfilled at the specific hour the Passover lambs foreshadowing sacrifice. Deut 16:5-6, John 19:16-19, Mark 15:25, 33-34, 37-38

- After 'inspection' Passover lamb sacrificed outside Jerusalem on "Good Friday".
 - Jesus Christ crucified outside of city of Jerusalem at Golgotha
- 3rd hr (9:00 a.m). High Priest tied national lamb on altar....*Jesus Christ* crucified.
- 6th hr (3:00 p.m.) HP slaughtered unblemished national lamb for all of Israel.
 - lamb's entrails & put over its head....."crowned sacrifice."
 - Blow shophar (ram's horn) spread arms, "It is finished/accomplished."
 - exact words to be said after peace offering to God. John 19:28-30
 - Wonder if Jesus heard shophar, then said finished & died?

Like every Passover lamb that represented Him, Jesus had to die.

- Why death for sin from 1st substitutionary death in Gen 3:21 to final on cross?
 - Sin is an affront to God's holiness & offensive to Him.
 - All sin is serious....desensitized to this truth. Matthew 5:29, 1 Peter 1:15

Because of God's holiness & justice, no sin can ever go unpunished;

- A God of love (1 John 4:8; John 3:16) wants to forgive sinners, but a God of holiness must punish sin & uphold His righteous Law.
 - God unjust & unrighteous if he just passed over sin as if it nothing.
 - Death of innocent sacrifice proclaims justice & holiness of God & severity of sin/crime.
 - OT animal sacrifices were just temporary covering of sins until more perfect, ultimate sacrifice made. Hebrew 10:1-4, 14, 9:25-26

In JC, God glorified His name by NOT ONLY being JUST but also JUSTIFIER (one who did work to justify) of all Christians 2 Corinthian 5:21, Romans 3:23-26

- Justifier because Jesus did for us on cross what we could never do ourselves—
 - purchase Christians acquittal, justification, forgiveness.

- God righteously looked past Old Testament sin to future atonement & addressed our sin debt before we sinned.
- As lambs slain for people's sins at Passover, Jesus received punishment we deserved to redeem us... purchase back something lost, by payment of a ransom.
 - Once for all time & Jesus only mediator between God/man. Matthew 27:51, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 10:19

Why Jesus need to die for sin? Because God is wonderfully holy, perfectly just & supremely loving.

- Jesus' death made reconciliation between God & man possible.
 - That's why we call it "Good Friday"!

Jesus sacrifice sufficient & available to everyone. John 6:37, Ephesians. 1:7a, Hebrews 9:12-15

- Unbeliever: must receive Jesus Christ's sacrifice for your sin thru repentance.
 - Jesus did not die for every person who ever lived.... double payment for unbelievers when sending them to hell & that's unjust.
- Christians: take sin seriously. You're forgiven but still need to confess & repent.