

# No One Ever Died The Way That Man Did

## Series: Why Would You Follow That Man?

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In antiquity, thousands upon thousands of people were crucified, which at the time was considered to be one of the most brutal and shameful ways to die. For the next 500 years, the Romans "perfected crucifixion" until Constantine I abolished it in the fourth century A.D. The practice became especially popular in the Roman-occupied Holy Land. In 4 B.C., the Roman general Varus crucified 2,000 Jews, and there were mass crucifixions during the first century A.D., according to the Roman-Jewish historian Josephus. From LiveScience.com, Jesus Wasn't the Only Man to Be Crucified. Here's the History Behind This Brutal Practice.

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We need to offer the world strong reasons why they should consider following Jesus. They will not want to become disciples of Jesus unless they know that He is worthy of being followed. There are unlimited choices of people to follow. But, why THAT man? No one ever spoke the way He did, and no one ever lived the way He did. And, no one ever died the way He did.

### The Strange Occurrences as Jesus Died:

- I don't mean the fact that He was crucified. That was not unique. Thousands died that way.
- The three hours of darkness.
- The Inscription over His head-The King of the Jews
- The Forgiveness of the thief
- Putting someone in charge of his elderly mother as he died
- The cry to God of feeling forsaken as fulfilling OT prophecy
- The fulfilling of Isaiah 53:5 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was

any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. 11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied ; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

- Dying before a bone could be broken
- Asking God to forgive those crucifying Him for they know not what they do
- The tearing of the temple curtain from top to bottom

### The Significance of Old Testament Rituals

- Passover I Cor.5:6-8 6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? 7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- Yom Kippur-Day of Atonement Rom.3:21-26 21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.
- Redemption Eph.1:7-8 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

### The Fulfillment of the Purpose of God to Save the World

- Demonstration of the Love of God 1 John 3:16 16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.
- To Provide Access to God Heb.10:19-23 19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and

since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

- To Bring All Men Together Under One Head Eph.2:13-18 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

## **BEHOLD THE LAMB Gijsbert V.B., February 29, 2004**

**1. Behold the bleeding Lamb of God,  
Uplifted on the tree;  
His blood streams forth, a crimson tide,  
To set the sinner free.**

**2. With crushing blows the mallet strikes,  
And nails His hands and feet;  
There on the cursed tree He hangs,  
That law and peace might meet.**

**3. No sorrows like to His are known,  
Such pain was never felt;  
The wrath for us, on Him is poured—  
A sight our hearts to melt.**

**4. Lo piercing thorns are made a wreath,  
To crown the King of kings;  
His blood drips down His anguished face,  
As He salvation brings.**

**5. Hark to the cries, His heart gives voice,  
Of love untold before;  
The sinner's Friend, through His own pain,  
Forgiveness does implore.**

**6. Upon Himself, He bears our sins;  
Was made a curse for them;  
That God might view us in His Christ,  
And ne'er our souls condemn.**

**7. What torment on His soul is poured,  
He trembles from the pain;  
The anguish of the dying hour,  
Was for our life to gain.**

**8. Oh who can estimate the love,  
That fills Him to the end;  
His Father's glory is His own,  
To save His bride that sinned.**

**9. Behold the dying Lamb of God,  
Who suffers in your stead;  
"Tis finished" sounds His vict'ry cry;  
Then bows His sacred head.**

**10. A spear releases all His love,  
By giving one last blow;  
The fount to open in His side,  
Where blood and water flow.**

**11. There hangs the sinless, spotless Lamb,  
Our debt and death to pay;  
Makes perfect sacrifice to God,  
And takes our sins away.**

**12. Then soon to glory He does rise,  
The all-victorious King;  
Now pleads His blood and soon will come,  
Us to Himself to bring.**

**13. What glory then shall we behold,  
The thought should us amaze;  
Yet now we may behold the Lamb,  
And crown Him with our praise.**