

Why Did It Have To Be Jesus?

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Introduction:

- A. The “why” questions regarding our redemption from sin are most often asked by conscientious disciples:
 - 1. Why did Jesus have to leave heaven to come to this world?
 - 2. Why did the Innocent have to die for the guilty?
 - 3. Why did we need someone else to pay for our sins?
- B. The fact that we are saved because God loves us and bestows His grace on us does not answer the question: Why did it have to be Jesus?
 - 1. That we are keenly aware of our own unworthiness, it makes our sense of guilt over Christ’s sacrifice for us that much stronger.

I. SIN IS HUMANKIND’S GREATEST PROBLEM

- A. Rom. 5:6-8
 - 1. The condition of the human race after sin - Rom. 3:10-12
 - 2. Redemption is necessary - John 3:3

II. SELF-REDEMPTION IS IMPOSSIBLE

- A. Those in sin are powerless to remove sin; even the attempt is an abomination
 - 1. Prov. 15:8-9, 26 - sacrifice, way, thoughts
- B. Col. 2:12-13 - The dead have no power

III. HUMAN GENERATED REDEMPTION IS IMPOSSIBLE

- A. Rom. 5:7 - Men may want to save others, and some may even want to sacrifice themselves to do so, but it will be a mockery of salvation
 - 1. Isa. 66:1-3, 64:6 - Those bound by sin cannot release others from it

IV. GOD’S INTERVENTION

- A. Eph. 2:4-10 - It will be all God, and only God, Who intervenes

V. GOD WILLED REDEMPTION

- A. Isa. 1:20, 43:10-13 - No force can redeem unless God wills it; no force can stop redemption if God wills it

VI. GOD’S TIMING

- A. Eph. 1:3-10 - No one could initiate salvation until God willed it; no one could withhold from others salvation when God willed it

VII. GOD’S REDEMPTION PLAN INCARNATED

- A. Isa. 9:6-7; Matt. 1:21-23 - Inevitable events set in motion from before the beginning

VIII. GOD'S REDEMPTION PLAN UNVEILED

- A. Acts 26:14-18 - God willed that His plan of redemption be revealed, and not even the best temple assassin could stop it

IX. GOD'S REDEMPTION PLAN PUBLISHED

- A. Mark 16:15-20 - Once the message was revealed, no force could ever un-speak or re-veil it.

X. IT HAD TO BE JESUS

- A. No one else could redeem from the curse of the law - Gal. 3:10-14
- B. Only God can justify His elect and forgive sins - Rom. 8:31-34; Mark 2:3-12
- C. Only Jesus had the qualifications, power, and will to be the sacrifice we needed for our sins - Heb. 1:13, 9:14-15, 10:1, 4-5, 12; 1Peter 1:18-20
- D. Why did it have to be Jesus? It could only be Jesus!