



April 2019

Why did Jesus have to die?

On Good Friday - 19 April - we have a special service to thank God for the death of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died a terrible death by crucifixion. But why did He die? Why did God allow this to happen?

In the Bible God Himself tells us the reason:

God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved. God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, came to save the world. But how would He do this?

Before Jesus was born, God sent an angel to a virgin called Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of His (God's) Son. The Holy Spirit would come upon her and the child to be born would be called Jesus, (the word Jesus means Saviour). An angel also appeared to Joseph, Mary's fiancé, and told him *Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived of her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you are to call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins.*

Every one of us needs a Saviour. God is just so our sins must be punished. God is also love so He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into the world to receive the punishment due to everyone who truly repents and comes to Him for forgiveness. This is why He had to suffer and die. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

God confirmed that the death of His Son had effectively dealt with our sins by raising Jesus from the dead. On Easter Sunday we celebrate! Please join us.

Sincerely,

George Rabey, Pastor

There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
what pains He had to bear;
but we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved,
and we must love Him too,
and trust in His redeeming blood,
and try His works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Five Ash Down Chapel Services

Sunday services are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Sundays 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon Good News Group
(Children 3 years and over)

Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Good Friday Service

19th April

11.00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Services

21st April

11.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.

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