

WHO Really Crucified Christ?



All are involved as can be noted in the following:

- 1. GOD THE FATHER** was involved because in His perfect plan He determined that the only solution must involve His **Holy Person**. God must step into humanity and be the perfect Saviour. "I, even I, am the LORD, and beside Me there is no Saviour... and there is no God else beside Me, a just God and a **Saviour**, there is none beside Me" (Isaiah 43:11; 45:21). "For **God** so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (Acts 2:23). It pleased the Father to bruise His Son on the cross so that sinful men might be saved (Isaiah 53:10).
- 2. JESUS CHRIST** voluntarily "gave His life" and "laid down His life" so that all may be saved who place their complete trust in Him. "No man taketh it (My life) from Me, but I lay it down of Myself; I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:11, 15, 17, 18).
- 3. THE DEVIL** played a major role in the crucifixion: "And supper being ended, the DEVIL having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him." John 13:2
- 4. PILATE** the governor played a part because "he delivered Him to be crucified." Matthew 27:26
- 5. THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS** persuaded the multitudes and they all cried out, "Let Him be crucified!" Matthew 27:20, 22, 23
- 6. THE ROMANS** crucified Christ because they nailed Him to the cross. Matthew 27:27, 31, 35

7. WE ALL MADE NECESSARY THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST!

For God, in His great love and grace, determined to save that which sin ruined. It was because of our sins that He suffered and bled and died. God, knowing our **HELPLESS** and **HOPELESS** condition, showed His mercy by giving His Son, even to the point of death on the cross, making it possible to save us. Christ perfectly took the penalty for our sins:

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him THE INIQUITY OF US ALL" (Isaiah 53:6). "But God commendeth HIS LOVE toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST DIED FOR US" (Romans 5:8). "**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**" (Romans 6:23). "For Christ also hath once SUFFERED FOR SINS, the **Just** (Christ) for the **unjust** (that's us), that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

Yes, the **LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS** is able to reach us. God has **GOOD NEWS** for every hearing heart. God has issued His **ROYAL**, and **RIGHT** invitation for every heart to place its whole condition, course and cure upon WHO HE IS and WHAT HE HAS DONE - His death, burial and resurrection. You cannot enjoy the message and meaning of the Resurrection, its glorious **HOPE** and its immediate **HELP**, apart from a saving relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. "**BELIEVE** on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

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