

Discussion Starter

Jesus was a actual person who influenced actual history. Who did Jesus say that he was? How long had he claimed to exist? What impact did Jesus have on history?

Whys did Jesus die on a cross?

- Who did Jesus die for? Did he die for everyone? (Romans 5:6).
- What did Paul mean when he wrote, "when we were without strength"? (Romans 5:6)
- What was the purpose of the timing of Jesus' arrival? Why did it take him so long to come to provide a path to salvation?
- Why did God, himself, have to provide salvation? (Isaiah 59:15-16)
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Be Reconciled to God!!

- For what purpose did Jesus sacrifice himself? (Romans 5:8-9) Why is reconciliation necessary?
- Do you feel that you are a pretty good person? If so, then why might you need a savior to provide reconciliation?
- What will it cost you personally to accept Jesus' gift of salvation? What will it cost if you do not accept this gift? Which has the greater cost?
- What practical steps are necessary to be reconciled to God? (Romans 10:9-11, Hebrews 7:25)

Four Rewards of Being Reconciled to God

- What does it mean to be "at peace" with God? (Romans 5:1)
- We have personal access to God and access to his riches. What is the benefit of this **access**? (Romans 5:2)
- What is the opposite of finding "hope in the **glory of God**"? How might this provide meaning to your life? (Romans 5:2)
- When we give our lives to Jesus we begin to see **purpose** in our difficulties. What does Romans 5:3-5) say about this?