

# Lord's Day 16

Questions 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44

**Q**uestion 40: *Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?*

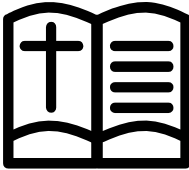
**A**nswer: *Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.*



## Heart of the Matter:

Express in your own words, how you could answer this question, if asked by an unbeliever. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Key scriptures:

Genesis  
2:17

Romans  
8:3-4

Philippians  
2:8

Hebrews  
2:9

**Philippians 2:8** *“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!”*

How would you express to an unbeliever the obedience of Jesus to the Father? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hebrews 2:9** *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”*

How would you express to an unbeliever, God's desire to show His grace to fallen man? \_\_\_\_\_

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**“Proper — Prior — Planning — Prevents — Poor Performance!”**

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**Q**uestion 41: Why was he "buried?"

**A**nswer: His burial testifies that he really died.



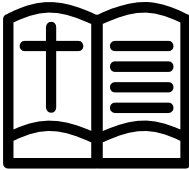
## Heart of the Matter:

How or where did you first hear that Jesus Christ died?

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What caused you to 'believe' or 'not believe' it was true?

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## Key scriptures:

Isaiah

53:9

John

19:38-42

Acts

13:29

1 Corinthians

15:3-4

**Luke 1:1-4** *"Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."*

"And here we bring our story to an end — the story which we promised to set down with the utmost accuracy for the benefit of those who wished to learn how the Romans fought this war against the Jews. Its literary merits must be left to the judgment of the readers: as to its truth, I should not hesitate to declare without fear of contradiction that from the first word to the last I have aimed at nothing else." (Flavius Josephus, historian of Jesus' time)

What historical or biblical "FACTS" have you learned about the death of Jesus?

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**Q**uestion 42: *Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?*

**A**nswer: *Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.*



## Heart of the Matter:

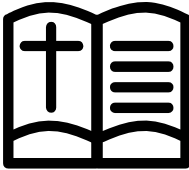
How would you face death, if you did not accept Christ's payment for your sins? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some of the fears you naturally, have in your heart of hearts, about dying? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Key scriptures:

Psalms

49:7

John

5:24

Philippians

1:21-23

1 Thessalonians

5:9-10

**1 Thessalonians 4:17** *"After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever."*

How do you feel about entering heaven by ascension, instead of by the grave? \_\_\_\_\_

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What POSSIBILITIES do you see for us TODAY in this scripture? \_\_\_\_\_

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**1 Thessalonians 4:18** *"Therefore encourage each other with these words."*

Express your comfort \_\_\_\_\_

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**Q**uestion 43: *What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?*

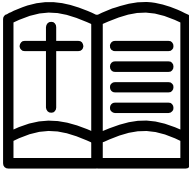
**A**nswer: *Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.*



## Heart of the Matter:

How do you see yourself different on your journey of faith today as opposed to last year at this time? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Would others see you differently? In what ways? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Key scriptures:

**Galatians 2:20** *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

How is Christ living in you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Galatians 5:24** *"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires."*

How are you crucifying your wrong passions and desires? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Romans 6:4-6** *"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin."*

How do you desire to be more "in His likeness?" \_\_\_\_\_  
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Romans  
6:5-11, 6:14-14  
12:1  
Colossians  
2:11-12  
Ephesians  
5:1-2

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**Q**uestion 44: Why does the creed add, "He descended to hell?"

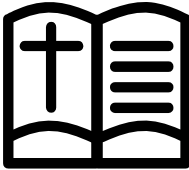
**A**nswer: *To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.*



## Heart of the Matter:

**Psalms 73:23-24** *"Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand, You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory."*

In all of your trials and sufferings how has the hope contained in the verses and others helped to comfort you? \_\_\_\_\_



## Key scriptures:

**Genesis 3:9** *"But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"*

Adam got us '**separated from God**'. How did you feel when you realized you were or could be 'separated from God'? \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 9:27** *"Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,"*

We all must die and be 'separated from our bodies'. How do you feel about that dying? \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 25:41** *"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"*

How would you feel separated from God and your fellow men forever? \_\_\_\_\_

Express your gratitude that Christ is your LORD. \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah  
53  
Matthew  
26:36-46  
27:45-46  
Luke  
22:44  
Hebrews  
5:7-10