

Sacrifice of the Son (1)

Road To The Cross

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Introduction

- Modern doctrine of Premillennialism denies Jesus came for the purpose of being a sacrifice
 - States He expected to be embraced & establish an earthly kingdom
 - States His rejection & subsequent death was a surprise to God
- Jesus foretold His sacrifice
 - Destroy this Temple (Jn. 2:18-22)
 - Death, burial, resurrection (Mt. 16:21-23; 17:22, 23; 20:17-19)
- Prophesied from the beginning (Gen. 3:15; Psalms 2:1-3)
- The gospel accounts focus heavily on the Lord's sacrifice
 - Final week (Mark 11-16)
 - Death, burial, resurrection (John 13-20)
 - More than 1/3 focused on His final days

Opposition To The Lord's Teaching

- Synagogue at Nazareth (Lk. 4:16-30)
 - Early in ministry
 - Rejected by His home town
 - Wanted to kill Him
- Out of His mind (Mk. 3:20-22)
 - Enemies: He's in league with Satan
 - Family: He's crazy (Mk. 3:31, 32)
 - Did not believe in Him (Jn. 7:5)
 - Hurts worse than enemies insults
- Many turned away (Jn. 6:66)
 - Thousands (Jn. 6:10)
 - Wanted to make Him king (Jn. 6:15)
 - Because of His "harsh" teaching (Jn. 6:60, 61)
- Division among the people (Jn. 7:40-44)
 - Complaining (Jn. 7:11, 12)
 - Truth brings complaints & division (cf. Mt. 10:34-36)

Conflict With Jewish Leaders

- Healing the paralytic (Mt. 9:1-3)
- Condemnation of leaders (Lk. 11:37-54)
 - Jesus stood against the dominant & popular religious teachings & practices of His day

- Exposed leaders as hypocrites
 - Denounced their practices as vain
- Plotted against Him (Mk. 3:6; Jn. 11:45-54)

Sins of Man

- Sin separates man from God (Isa. 59:1, 2)
 - All men sin (Rom. 3:23)
- Christ bore our sins (Heb. 9:11-28; 10:19-23)
- Our sins put Jesus on the cross
 - Failures
 - Faithlessness
 - Selfishness

Love of God (Rom. 5:6-10)

- The Father loved the world (Jn. 3:16)
 - To point of sacrificing His Son
- Christ loved us (Gal. 2:20)
 - Gave Himself for you, me

Conclusion

- Jesus was a ransom (1 Tim. 2:5, 6)
 - Point & purpose of coming to this world
 - Gave His life to redeem us from sin
 - Rescue us from hell
- Our appreciation for His love ought to be deepened as we reflect on the Sacrifice of the Son