

Theme: Although every one of us are responsible for Christ's death because of our sin, God raised Him from death that we might be saved.

I. Intro – Who Killed Christ?

- A. Picture of Rembrandt's *Raising of the Cross*
- B. Thomas Blackshear's *Forgiven*
- C. Mel Gibson's *Passion of the Christ*
- D. Who is responsible for Christ's passion?
- E. How did God respond?

II. Jesus: Attested by God

- A. God attested to Christ by miracles (v22; Mt 8:16; Jn 21:25)
 - 1. God made clear declaration – He is Christ! (22)
 - 2. Gospels full of miracles (Mt 8:16; Jn 21:25)
- B. Whole OT pointed to Christ (fulfilled – 38x; Mt vss)
 - 1. OT 'fulfilled' – 38x in NT!
 - 2. Mt 1:21-22; 2:15; 2:17; 2:23

III. Jesus: Killed by Man

- A. They ignored the attestation (John 12:37; 5:39-40)
 - 1. People ignored miracles (Jn 12:37)
 - 2. People ignored Scripture fulfillment (Jn 5:39-40)

- B. Wicked leaders conspired to kill Christ (23; 4:27)
 - 1. Wicked men put Christ to death (23)
 - 2. Pilate, Herod, Gentiles, Jews (Acts 4:27)
- C. All people responsible (23; Is 53:4-6; Rom 4:25)
 - 1. Apostles held all responsible (23)
 - 2. Christ died because of us (Is 53:4-6; Rom 4:25)
 - 3. He died because of sin – all sinners responsible

IV. Jesus: Raised by God

- A. Death was God's plan (23; 3:17-18; 4:27-28; Is 53:10)
 - 1. God had planned for this (23; 3:17-18; 4:27-28)
 - 2. God was at work in this to prosper His will (Is 53:10)
 - 3. Why – to save the sinners!
- B. God raised Christ from the dead (24; Rom 4:25)
 - 1. God raised Christ from dead (24)
 - 2. He did this to save and justify us (Rom 4:25)

V. The Good News of the Resurrection

- A. Have you painted yourself into Christ's passion?
 - 1. We are the ones who killed Christ!

2. Rembrandt, Blackshear, Gibson all saw this

3. Do you see this fact? – This brings hope!

B. Have you received Christ's resurrection?

1. If I see I killed Him, I can be raised with Him

2. Why resurrection is critical – no hope without it

C. He is risen indeed!

The Passion and Resurrection of Christ

Acts 2:22-24

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Celebrate Jesus Celebrate OR Hallelujah, Jesus is Alive

Hebrews 13:20-21

¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. Mt 8:16

²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. John 21:25

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Matthew 1:21-22

¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." Matthew 2:15

Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: Mt 2:17

²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene." Matt 2:23

³⁷ Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. John 12:37

³⁹ You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me,⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life. John 5:39-40

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. Acts 4:27

⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Is 53:4-6

²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Romans 4:25

¹⁷ "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Acts 3:17-18

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

Acts 4:27-28

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. Isaiah 53:10

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