

Day 11: Why Did Jesus Die?

Let's Start

ASK: Why is it wet/bright outside?
Who am I?

SAY: Questions often have more than one possible right answer. If I ask you why the living room light is on, you might answer: because it's dark outside, because I'd like to read a book, or because I flipped the switch. They are all true and correct answers! Today, we'll see two reasons why Jesus died. They are both true and they're both correct answers.

Let's Listen to God

READ: Mark 14: 61-65

61 But Jesus remained silent. He gave no answer.

Again, the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah? Are you the Son of the Blessed One?"

62 "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One. You will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven."

63 The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. 64 "You have heard him say a very evil thing against God. What do you think?"

They all found him guilty and said he must die. 65 Then some began to spit at him. They blindfolded him. They hit him with their fists. They said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

ASK: What question did they ask Jesus? What answer did he give?

READ: Mark 14: 48-50

48 "Am I leading a band of armed men against you?" asked Jesus. "Do you have to come out with swords and clubs to capture me? 49 Every day I was with you. I taught in the temple courtyard, and you didn't arrest me. But the Scriptures must come true." 50 Then everyone left him and ran away.

ASK: What did Jesus say was coming true because all these things were happening?
Can you think of a time when something seemed to be going wrong for you?

Let's Learn

SAY: People didn't want God to be in charge. They refused to believe that Jesus was God. So, they decided to put Jesus on a cross to die. It was the most bad thing that had ever happened. It was the most sad day of all time.

Why did Jesus die? Because Jesus had a plan. He had always planned to die on the cross. The Old Testament part of the Bible—the Scriptures—was full of details about this plan. And now everything was happening exactly as God had said it would. When things looked like they were going wrong for Jesus, he was in control. When people's sin looked like it was going to ruin everything, he was in control!

Let's Pray

Say: (Have kids suggest a word to finish each line.) Lord Jesus, we thank you that you have always been in _____. Thank you that you were willing to be _____ because it was all part of your rescue plan for us. Thank you that you promised this rescue plan ahead of time so that we can know you are always in charge and that your plans always happen. Thank you, Jesus! You're amazing! Amen.