

As the Lord hung on the cross, the actual purpose of His execution was made clear as Jesus cried out “My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?” – signifying that He Who knew no sin became sin for us.

Isaiah 53:5-6

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Colossians 2:14

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Corinthians 15:3

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins.

Galatians 1:4

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.

And so, in answer to the all-important question "Who Killed Christ?" we respond from the Word of God:

First, the future execution of the Lord Jesus Christ was a known fact in the mind of God from before the foundation of the world.

Second, God the Father pre-determined the specific events that led to the actual execution of the Son of God.

Third, God the Son knowingly and willfully submitted Himself to these events that were pre-determined by God the Father.

Fourth, Satan unwittingly participated in God's pre-determined plan by inspiring a lost individual to betray the Son of God.

Fifth, the religious leaders, motivated by jealousy, conspired with Judas and Pilate to arrest and convict the Son of God.

Sixth, the political leaders, motivated by expediency, conspired with a bloodthirsty mob and military to torture and crucify Jesus.

Seventh, your sins and mine were what necessitated God the Father to deliver God the Son to be crucified by man.

Reader, God sent His Son, and the Son gave His Life, in order that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Have you called on Christ to save you? If not, then humbly and sincerely pray this prayer:

Dear Lord, I admit that I am a sinner. I believe that Christ died for my sins and rose from the dead. I call upon you, Lord Jesus, to save me from sin's penalty. In Jesus' Name, amen.

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Who Killed The Christ?

We really ought to know the answer to this question. It is a question that many people are asking. It is a focal point of controversy, and if we can rightly answer the question for those that are sincerely asking it, we might have the opportunity to lead them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 4:5,6

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

It is a Biblical fact that the Triune God had knowledge of the execution of the Lord Jesus Christ by sinful men for the sins of the world even before He created the universe and all that is in it.

Acts 15:17,18

That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Revelation 13:8

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

It is also a matter of fact that because God knew of man's sin even before He created man, God the Father predetermined the satisfying payment for man's sin through the execution of His Son.

Isaiah 53:4

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Acts 4:27-28

For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus,...both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

It should not surprise us that rather than being taken by surprise and against His will, Jesus Christ, being obedient unto death, submitted to the Father's plan, and willingly allowed His execution at the hands of wicked men.

John 10:17-18

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Hebrews 10:9-10

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Though the execution of Christ was predetermined by the Father and submitted to by the Son, the actual events began to unfold as Satan himself began to fulfill God's first prophetic statement from Genesis 3:15.

Luke 22:3,4

Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot. And he ... communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

John 13:27; 18:3-5

And Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. ... Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

Satan used the unsaved religious leaders to conspire first with Judas and then with Pilate to bring about the charges that would eventually lead to the execution that was planned by God.

Matthew 26:47,57

Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest.

Mark 15:1

And in the morning the chief priests ... with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

After the cowardly rulers Pilate and Herod shirked their duties, the people pronounced final sentence upon the Lord Jesus, Who said nothing as the civil servants viciously tortured the spotless Lamb.

Mark 15:15

And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

Matt 27:27,31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.