

# How to Know

## *The Path to Personal Faith*

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### Lesson Three

## What Was Behind the Death of Jesus?

A tragic accident. A gross injustice. A sad mistake. A horrible plot. However the people of 30 A.D. might have viewed it, the significance of the death of Jesus of Nazareth continues to astound all who explore it today. Though condemned by a frenzied mob and a politically-motivated leadership, Jesus was in control of His own death. His mission on Earth was not cut short, but fulfilled, when He expired on the cross. Discover the most fascinating facts of history and what they mean to you!

### Thinking it through . . .

1. **Why was Jesus betrayed, arrested, and tried?**  
*Luke 22:66-71*
2. **Why did the Jewish leaders put Jesus on trial?**  
*Mark 14:55-56*
3. **What did Pilate conclude about Jesus' guilt?**  
*John 18:29-39*
4. **What was the crime posted on Jesus' cross?**  
*Matthew 27:37*
5. **What were the crimes God posted on the cross?**  
*Colossians 2:14-15*
6. **Whose place did Jesus take on the cross?**  
*1 Peter 2:24*

7. **What happened to Jesus when He was crucified?**

*II Corinthians 5:21; Mark 15:33-34*

8. **Was all sin paid for by Jesus on the cross?**

*Hebrews 10:10-14*

9. **Did Jesus really die on the cross?**

*Luke 23:44-49*

10. **Did Jesus accomplish His purpose on Earth?**

*John 1:29*

### Getting the point . . .

The death of Jesus Christ is not a disconnected fact of history that lacks impact for modern people. It is the basis upon which God can offer men a clean slate. The human view of Jesus' execution did not tell the whole story.

For thousands of years, man has built religious systems hoping to allow people to work their way to peace with God, not understanding that man could never solve his own problem. Only Jesus could substitute Himself for you and cover your sin debt. God's justice system was fully satisfied when the penalty for your sin was paid by Jesus Christ. You now have the option of accepting His payment or making your own and paying the price of separation from God for eternity.

### Wrapping it up . . .

**From what we've studied today, I understand that Jesus had to die to . . .**