

THE STORY Q's

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Read John 19 together.

Here we come to the climax of the greatest story ever told. The cross of Christ was God's final and ultimate answer to the largest questions of life. It is a symbol of the greatest act of judgment and mercy the universe has ever seen. If it's not true, then let every person create their own narrative and try to live consistently with it. If it is true, then it should change everything.

Q1 Jesus only speaks a few words during the entire chapter.
**What do you make of His exchange with Pilate in v10-11?
What was He referring to in His last words in v30?**

THE PROBLEM

Q2 Throughout the entire Bible, the narrative has always been that mankind has been dead to God and enslaved by sin. The Gospel is good news because God sent His son to redeem us from our fallen state and bring us back into relationship with Him and each other.

A **Would you say this is an accepted explanation today for the evil and ills that plague our world?**

B **If this narrative is rejected, what kind of ideas have been offered in their place?** Apart from the story of God, how do people deal with their issues of right/wrong, conflict/offense, guilt/shame? How does the quote below help illustrate this dilemma?

"We tend to have a diminished view of sin – and thus of the judgment due to sin – because we have a diminished view of God. The God of our imagination sometimes falls short of the God of Scripture. We fail to take sin and judgment as seriously as we ought because we fail to take God as seriously as we ought."

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THE CURE

The Bible makes it clear that we are not just bad people needing improvement but dead people needing new life.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:21-26

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

ROMANS 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Q3 Why is this distinction critically important in understanding and cherishing God's offer of a cure?

Q4 How and where has the life of Christ made a difference in you as an individual? How has that rippled into your family and your relationships?

EXTRA CREDIT

Read through Isaiah 53, but slowly... It was written by the prophet Isaiah over 650 years before Christ was born. How many connections do you see to Jesus the Messiah? Take a moment to simply reflect on the heart of the Father when He moved Isaiah to pen those words.