

HE IS

RISEN

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What is on the cross?

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2022 years ago... human history changed!

The Son became flesh

Born to a young girl in a manger

Escaping the enemies plan they fled to Egypt

This illegitimate son had to wait till he was 30 to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring the good news, disciple men and die

His death saved us from

- the pleasure of sin (past)
- the penalty of sin (past)
- the power of sin (present)
- the presence of sin (future)

Salvation

Obtained by faith - Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God

Receive a new Nature - 2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things are new.

How are we saved when someone else died?

Let's consider the discussion between Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:1-12

Jesus is telling Nicodemus what must happen in his life(or our lives) so that we may have eternal life

John 3:13-15 (NKJV)

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life?

Jesus is drawing a parallel between himself and a snake?

The wages of sin

Num 21:4-9

They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom.

But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died.

The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.”

So Moses prayed for the people.

The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.”

So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

The Israelites sin was towards God's governance

- God purposes
- God's designated authority
- God's provision

God judges their sin

Their sin resulted in their death

Convicted by their sin and helpless to save themselves they go to their mediator and ask for the priest to intercede on their behalf

God relents his wrath in providing a way out of death



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Snake

- Synonymous with rebellion, deception and being a cursed animal.
- The snakes were a sign of God's judgement of their sin.
- The snake represented the curse of their sin
- The venom burned and ultimately led to their death.
- The snakes weren't taken away, but God provided salvation from the death they represent
- The bronze snake saved those who were bitten when they looked at it.

Our Substitute

- For God to be supremely just all sin must be punished
- Being born in sin our nature is to sin and experience the curse
- We are helpless to satisfy God's wrath on sin
- We need someone to pay the price for our sin
- Jesus took on our sin and its curse on the cross
- He took our penalty upon him
- We are free from sin and its curse if we believe(**look upon Him**)
he died for your sin.

2 Cor 5:21 Jesus took our place in that He was made sin for us. “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”

Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

Rom 5:17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!



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