

“Why Did Jesus Have to Die?”

Romans 3:21-26

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Introduction:

I. God’s _____ and his _____ seem to be in conflict.

1. God is a judge who is passionate about righteousness and _____!

Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent—the LORD detests them both. Pr 17:15

2. God loves and shows _____ to sinful people.

In his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished. Rom 3:25

II. God’s _____ summoned the Son He _____ to the Cross.

1. God _____ in His Son Jesus.

a. God was pleased by Jesus’ _____; in the simplicity of his baptism.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water . . . and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Mt 3:16,17

b. God was glad to give the disciples a brief look at the _____ of his Son.

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matt 17:1-5

c. God delights in the _____ and servant heart of Jesus.

Here is my servant . . . the one I love, in whom I delight; A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.

Matt 12:18-20

d. God loves the victory and _____ of Jesus.

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Rev 5:5

e. God loves the obedience and _____ of Jesus.

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne. Rev 5:6

f. Because God loves Jesus, He revealed all his plans and _____ to him.

For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.

Jn 5:20

g. Because God loves Jesus, He _____ him fully.

For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. Jn 3:34,35

h. God loves Jesus, because he was obedient _____.

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life. Jn 10:17

i. Because God loves Jesus, He honors those who _____ him.

Whoever serves me must follow me . . . my Father will honor the one who serves me. Jn 12:26

j. Because God honors Jesus, he exalts him _____ the _____.

Let all God's angels worship him. Heb 1:6

k. God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Jesus.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. Col 2:9; 1:19

2. God planned Jesus' _____.

This man was handed over to you by **God's set purpose and foreknowledge**; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. Acts 2:23

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. John 10:17,18

III. God's justice and mercy at the cross show His _____.

Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name! John 12:27,28

3 lessons from the Death of Jesus

1. God really _____ me, paid a great price to pay for my sins.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. I John 4:10

2. With God's help, I can _____ others.

3. I should _____ my own _____ as much as God does.