

Why Did They Crucify Jesus?

Scripture Reading:
John 15:18-25

Acts 2:36

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified.”

They Crucified Jesus Because of Unbelief. Isaiah 53:1-3

- ▶ The rulers. 1 Corinthians 2:7-9
 - ▶ Self-interest of political survival. John 7:32, 45-52; 11:47-53
 - ▶ Refused to confess. John 12:42-44
 - ▶ Hard hearts, stiff-necked, and self-righteous. Acts 7:51-52

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- ▶ The people. John 12:37-38
 - ▶ Many ran after Him for the wrong reasons. John 6:15, 26-27, 41, 60, 66
 - ▶ Mob mentality. Matthew 27:20-25

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- ▶ Ignored the prophets. Acts 3:18
 - ▶ Messiah’s salvation. Acts 2:21
 - ▶ Messiah’s resurrection. Acts 2:24-31
 - ▶ Messiah’s exaltation. Acts 2:30, 33-35

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- ▶ Ignored His words. John 7:46; 8:37-40
 - ▶ Word of God. John 1:1, 14
 - ▶ Words of eternal life. John 6:68

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- ▶ Ignored His works. John 10:31-39
- ▶ Hated Him because they did not know the Father. John 15:18, 21, 24-25
- ▶ “Without a cause”

They Crucified Jesus Because of ...

- ▶ Unbelief.
- ▶ Hard hearts.
- ▶ Politics.
- ▶ Envy.
- ▶ Selfishness.
- ▶ Rebellion.
- ▶ Ignorance.
 - ▶ ignored the prophets.
 - ▶ ignored His words.
 - ▶ ignored His works.

AND These
Were Devout
Men! Acts 2

A Warning to the Church

- ▶ Beware of unbelief. Hebrews 3:12-13
- ▶ Refusing to discern good and evil. Hebrews 5:12-14
- ▶ Hardened beyond the point of return. Hebrews 6:4-6
- ▶ Willfully sin. Hebrews 10:26-31

A Warning to the Church

- ▶ Beware of ignorance:
Not accepted on Judgment Day
- ▶ House of Israel. Acts 3:17-19
- ▶ All of us. Acts 17:30-31
- ▶ “But I didn’t know!” Romans 1:18-22
- ▶ Commanded to understand. Ephesians 5:17

A Warning to the Church

- ▶ Resisting truth brings condemnation. Acts 7:51
- ▶ They did not want to hear the truth, so they murdered the Messenger.
- ▶ Many still do not. 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- ▶ How do we react when truth cuts us to the heart? Acts 2:37 or Acts 7:54

Beware of Hypocrisy

Luke 12:1, “In the mean time, when the many thousands of the multitude were gathered together, insomuch that they trod one upon one another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”

- ▶ Subverts truth in unbelief.
- ▶ Justifies immorality in ignorance.
- ▶ Do not crucify the Savior!