## Why did Jesus have to Suffer and Die?

What are you like when you are trying to find a location at the end of a journey? You have never been to that place before and it is totally new. Completely new landmarks everything is unrecognisable! We know that we need an accurate map, that is why in Europe new maps are brought out each year, because they must be up-dated to remain accurate for the road user. If life was involved it would be more serious. If the wrong location is taken then that person would die. I read an example of this today in the newspaper. The ambulance took a patient to the wrong Croydon. It went to the larger Croydon of South London, but they should have gone to the less well known Croydon in Cambridgeshire. Unfortunately the patient was dead before the ambulance reached the end of its journey. Likewise if the map is indistinct or just a sketch, the landmarks unclear then similar serious outcome would occur. A similar principal could be applied to our life. We need a clear and distinct road map to Jesus, because from my understanding if this map is not clear, hazy ill-defined then I would get lost and loose my life.

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How can we get a clear map to Jesus our redeemer?

Some believe they can look towards secular knowledge. They may look to thing worldly, being works of art through the ages, or read people's opinions, poems etc.

If we take Works of Art for example, we could look to Rueben or Michael Angelo as perhaps guides to Jesus. We see their paintings how they perhaps imagined what Jesus would look like. But this is just a human impression with embellishments, thought appropriate by the Artist, or perhaps they had to paint what their paymasters instructed them to do.

What do these pictures show you about Jesus?

When I look at the majority of them, they look melancholy, sad, joyless and not what I would expect from what I understand of Jesus from what I read in The Bible.

So what picture does The Bible give of Jesus Christ?

Mark 6v3 Is not this the carpenter .....

We can stop there!

Why?

What impression does the reader have of a skilled and highly trained carpenter?

My vision is of a strong manly person, very fit and possibly with large muscles – that is what I see when I look at a carpenter. The reason is that it is hard work carrying large boards about, roof trusses, using tools to cut and machine the wood. These would **not** be electric power tools. They all would be manual. Jesus could not go to the local Do-It-Yourself wood merchant. He possibly would have to go to the local forest cut down a tree, load it on a wagon (no fork lift trucks then) and carry it back to his workshop. There were no power saws to cut the tree into planks. This is very hard, manual work.

Would a frail person that you see in these artist impressions of Jesus be able to carry out the sort of work described? Clearly not!

Some people may use the instance given in The Bible where Simon the Cyrene was compelled to carry the cross to suggest that Jesus was frail. We must remember that Jesus had been awake for almost 40 hours without sleep, also he been made to walk from Garden of Gethsemane, the High Priest's house, to Herod's palace, off to Pontius Pilate's villa and further tortured and abused by the priests and later the Roman solders, scourged (using whips having spiky lambs' vertebrae tied on the ends). I do not think I would even be standing after this to then be asked to carry the pole!

Let us now consider how Jesus was able to understand peoples emotions and have empathy with them. The human artist pictures that we see of Jesus often are dreary, heartless person and perhaps aloof from us mere mortals.

Is this a true representation?

Luke 18v15-16 And they brought unto him also infants, that he might touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said accept little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

As parents we all know what little children are like. They are very honest to the world (which is one reason why Jesus said: "...... For of such is the kingdom of God" – because a believer has to have the 'child-like' almost penitent attitude to come before God, but more importantly an enquiring mind to ask 'why' about whatever is new about them). Being 'honest to the world' then they will not wish to go to an intimidating person, but only under protest – kicking and screaming! They would only go if they liked that particular person.

So these children in this passage are showing us a much more accurate picture than the one painted by artists. It is a picture of Jesus being humorous, joyous person to whom children want to go and see.

So the reader is now able to understand that we must leave all these false impressions behind us and obtain an accurate picture of Jesus. To get this accurate picture we must go to The Bible. The Bible will show us a very accurate road map for us to use to get to our destination – Jesus!

So <u>who</u> was Jesus, and <u>why</u> did he have to suffer and then Die? Let us turn to The Bible for the accurate information.

John 17v3 And this is life eternal, that they might know you the only true God (Yahweh / Jehovah), and Jesus Christ, whom you have dispatched.

We read everlasting life will come to us. But we must take in <u>accurate</u> knowledge to <u>know</u> the only true God (Yahweh / Jehovah). If and when we put into practice our knowledge, this then forms within our mind <u>Godly Wisdom</u> that the Bible speaks of in so many places. When Godly wisdom is practiced, people around us then see us to be a pleasant character to be with – called 'The fruits of the spirit'.

This quotation does provoke in our mind some very important questions. We must get this accurate knowledge of the only true God and of Jesus Christ whom He sent.

The Bible tells us to how get to know God, and this route is through Jesus Christ.

So what can we find out about Jesus Christ?

What is his CV (Curriculum Vaetui)?

This is the sort of thing an individual would use to get some background of the person. This document shows to other people all the background about a person. Also the knowledge and experience they may have to see if they are suitable for their prospective position.

Let us look at some key points in Jesus Christ's CV.

He was the first born of all creation (*relative to everything pertaining to this planet* – *because after the first few of verses by putting the planet into context to The Universe, then everything afterwards is about this planet*). He also had a hand in the creation of extraterrestrial beings (angels = messengers). He created all life on this planet (*termed by The Bible as "The Adornment" of the Earth*). In doing so, he worked with his Father (Yahweh / Jehovah). There is no better Entity to work under, than Yahweh. He thus has all the experience required to know about His personal creations. This occurred eons before we came into existence. Then we know how Jesus left that very safe spiritual body and entered a fleshy body. He was badly treated and murdered for being a perfect individual! However he knew his Father (Yahweh / Jehovah) so well and had faith to understand that he would be resurrected.

The Bible terms this as awaken/roused to show us that the 1<sup>st</sup> death now becomes a special type of "sleeping" in Yahweh's Eyes, thus we have the 1<sup>st</sup> part of or our life now to experience an evil operating system under Satan's control and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of our life in The Millennium where we now experience a good operating system under Jesus' control. Thus both halves now make up a whole life upon which The Judgement/ Assayed of our **whole life at the end of the 1000 year Millennium** after we have been taught righteousness.

He was resurrected, and is now in the heaven<u>s</u> to prepare a place for those whom <u>his Father chooses/elects</u> to become his Bride at the end of this present system of things. Because of what Jesus did on earth to personally redeem his creation some 2000 years ago, then his Father has rewarded Jesus by giving him the highest position in the heavens and all power to exercise his Will (pertaining to this planet – we are told no more than this in The Bible).

All this, and more is detailed in the four Gospels (the first four books of the New Testament) within The Bible. Please see the NT Translation on this website.

The knowledge of Jesus' pre-human was given to him after his baptism during the forty days in the wilderness.

John 17v5 And now, O Father, glorify me by your own self, with the glory which I had with you before the world (Greek word for "world" means "Adornment" = "The Life on this planet") Was.

This occurred near the end of Jesus' life in his fleshly body. He knew he was the first born, and was instrumental in the creating life in the heaven (= "sky" being singular heaven) and the earth. He died carrying the weight of mankind's sin (his creation) upon his shoulders. Jesus was born a sinless person. He was baptised at an age of thirty years and anointed (without limit) with the holy spirit (= unlimited power) from Yahweh. We see this power over nature exercised within the Gospels.

We also see even with this unlimited power at his disposal, Jesus suffered extreme pain at the end of his fleshy existence. It was not an easy passage of life. Jesus did not use this unlimited power upon himself — to improve his lot (which he could so easily have done — as he said he could have called upon 12 legions of angels to protect him and one angel has the power to kill 185,000 men in one night, Matt.26v53, 2Kings.19v35), but in selflessness manner on other humans to their advantage and wellbeing.

While Jesus was a perfect man it does not mean he was incapable of fear. We read how he was greatly distressed on the night before his murder.

So we can see from Jesus Christ's CV, that there is no other man on this earth that is uniquely qualified to take on this suffering. No human, even with a infinite amount of wealth is in the position to assume the role that Jesus did for us.

Why?

Because Jesus knew Yahweh personally, came to earth to be humiliated, suffer and then be killed.

Gen. 3v15 And I will put enmity between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

This is the very first prophecy in The Bible, out of so many hundreds that follow after this one. Most of these prophecies have now been fulfilled – demonstrated throughout history.

So we read that there is to be suffering and hostility between these two individuals. This is a feature we readily see between humans as this influence channels its way to and through us in the way we behave. Thus it is this <u>failure</u> of humans to maintain the integration between ourselves and Yahweh, first exemplified by Adam, and has followed throughout his seed (being us as his descendants).

We read how God was able to give a confident outcome in this prophecy. A bruise to the head is unrecoverable, while a bruise to the heel, while painful is recoverable. Since this prophecy was made at the beginning of the human (as we know having all the "human" mental reasoning that separate us from animals) existence, Satan has tried by every means possible to try and close the gap between 'the heel and the head'.

Satan tried to break this integrity between Jesus and Yahweh all through Jesus' life while he was here on earth within his fleshly body, both physically and mentally.

Satan initially tried to remove JC as a baby, but God rescued Jesus by sending Joseph and Mary to Egypt to escape Herod's murderous spree against two year olds and under around Jerusalem.

Then when Jesus was baptised, Satan lunged at him with the three temptations. If Jesus had failed any one of them, then he would be dead now - as you, the reader reads this document, and we would have no second opportunity through resurrection to get our life sorted out before Yahweh's Decree. It is as plain and stark as that.

However Jesus did <u>not</u> fail and that is why he is fully conscious and alive in the heaven<u>s</u> with all power at his fingers and we here on earth <u>now</u> have a 'second part to our lives' through a resurrection into The Millennium under Jesus' rulership.

Then at the end of his fleshly life, he was betrayed, evil men in 'mob rule' bound him, friends deserted him, condemned to death in a 'kangaroo court', spat at, struck in the face, had a crown of thorns rammed down onto his head, beaten about the head and body by a (large) reed, scourged (flailed by sharp objects), made to carry his execution pole, had nails driven through the joints in his limbs while flat on his back, felt the jolt as the pole was levered up and dropped into the hole, and left to die. Though he had <u>not</u> sinned or did anything to deserve the least of this treatment.

As ironically a "Heathen Leader" said at the time (as Yahweh's condemnation against The Jewish Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes) I can find no fault in this man (Jesus). Pilate did <u>not</u> say: On balance he is a good man, but that rather: I can find <u>no</u> fault in this man! Luke23v4. Thus Jesus was utterly innocent.

Jesus was not immune to pain and suffering. He was in a fleshly body just like me and you - the reader. He could feel this pain from bodily abuse - just like we would be able to.

So why did he do it?

There was <u>no</u> other ruler (of human fleshly body) that could perform this necessary task. Jesus had to show the righteousness of Yahweh's Universal sovereignty, and was settled by Jesus Christ's dedication to carry out Yahweh's Will/Desire precisely.

1Pet. 2v22-24 (Jesus) Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him (*Yahweh*) that judges righteously; who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed.

Jesus' selflessness devotion and showed within his human body - self control, dignity, humility and love for his creation. This was demonstrated to <u>all</u> of creation on and off this planet. Even Satan would forced to accept that fact. It is for this reason all power has been given to Jesus by his Father – Yahweh. Demonstrated by Jesus' <u>Works</u> on this planet - to all Entities

We are told this in Rev.5v2 Who is worthy to open the Scroll of Life? And the answer is given in Rev.5v5 But one of the elders said to me: "Stop weeping. Look! The Lion of Judah that is the tribe of Judah, the root of David has conquered so as to open the scroll and of its seven seals.

This is clearly speaking of Jesus being the last book of The Bible answering The prophecy back in Gen. 49v8-12 being the 1<sup>st</sup> book of The Bible.

Thus Jesus proved Satan's claims to be baseless, and rotten to the core.

What are the other benefits for you and me?

Heb. 2v10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom all things, in bringing many sons (= 144000 Kings/Priest of The Millennium) unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through **suffering**.

Heb 2v18 For in that he made himself have **suffered** being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Heb 4v15 For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our **sufferings**; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin

There is much covered here, but during Jesus' period on earth we are able to see that he was a perfect example to be our High Priest for the whole of mankind. A wonderful example for God, where Jesus was in the world but did not partake of the world, and at death there was no need of a 'tick list' on what he had or had not done. He accomplished it all to perfection. So he was able to cry out at his death: "It is done" an ultimate reflection on what Jesus was able to perform, the requirement for us all as shown here from the Bible:-

Matt. 22v37-40 Jesus said to him: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and prophets.

It has been accomplished and Jesus did it for his Creator and his creation. God knew precisely to every last detail that all had been done correctly.

What more could Jesus have done?

We must realise this was the task of Jesus. If you strive for this accurate understanding then the message starts to become clear and you then have that desire to sanctify his name within us.

God is <u>not</u> an Entity just sitting in His 'ivory tower' viewing The Universe remotely. But operated a plan to ensure that everything was <u>correct and will be shown to be Righteous</u>, so even Satan knew it was <u>correct and righteous</u> and could not argue with what had taken place (similarly as he did with righteous Job – questioned God: What if, What if, etc.). Everything occurred to be the most beneficial for all creation on and off this planet. We are <u>all</u> involved, both you and me. God ensured that all this information was correctly recorded <u>without error</u> and in the position to ensure that we today are able to read and understand <u>precisely what</u> we are required to do to inherit this life for mankind, and <u>why</u> it makes complete logical sense through its self supporting truths.

1Tim 2v5-6 There is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself as a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

This is the corresponding ransom. Today it is always associated with a kidnapping. However in olden times, it was used more when there was a war between two nations. When the war was finished of there was a truce or peace between the two parties then they would get together to sort out the Prisoners Of War – because it was expensive to keep looking after them. So what would happen is that for normal solders they would be swapped on a one for one basis. Any remainders would be subject to a ransom being paid. So a ransom was paid out for the victims of war. Correspondingly a ransom is paid to purchase people from their present state.

This clearly is a very serious state of affairs for the victims involved. Similarly the failure on Adam's part not to accept the due sovereignty of God, cost him his righteousness before God.

In direct correspondence Jesus Christ, was able to bridge this gap.

His life corresponded to the perfect life of Adam forfeited our life; only a uniquely perfect man to provide a correspondingly perfect life for what Adam lost for us in Eden.

Another example to show how this follow thorough would work with us.

Assume there was a town that had a large company within it. This company provided most of the employment for the community within that town. Let us suppose that through the mismanagement of one man – the owner of the company through embezzlement (or the such like), the company was forced to closedown. All those in the community would feel the repercussions of this closure. The mortgages could not be paid for, and the families would become very poor.

However if a wealthy benefactor came onto the scene and was able to buy the company, and further was able

to pay off all its debts in that one action. They would now be able to reopen the company. <u>This one purchase cleared all the subsequent debts and that spread through to all the families that use to work at the factory</u>. The factory would now open and they would be employed again.

And further now because that <u>one</u> company debt had been paid off, so now could all the employees debts become cleared through that <u>one</u> original action of the benefactor.

But to be employed at the company we all must <u>work</u> at fulfilling the benefactor's desire (*Jesus*) to now clear what was owed to the bank (*Yahweh*) and make it successful. Those humans who are not prepared to fulfil the benefactor's desire shall be ejected from this society at the factory (this will occur at the end of The Millennium).

John 3v16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever exercises belief in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3v18 He that exercises belief on him is not condemned ....

John 3v36 He that exercises belief on the Son has everlasting life; and he that does not exercise belief in the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abides on him.

We are able to see that belief should be exercised. Jesus Christ had belief in his Father but he did not just sit here on earth twiddling his fingers believing in his Father. Jesus <u>exercised</u> his belief in his Father by going out and <u>preaching</u> The Word of God and of His new kingdom to the Jews. The disciples did the same. They went to the nations to spread The Word of God – else nothing would have happened! You and I would <u>not</u> be reading it now if it was not for those people before our existence <u>exercising</u> their belief in The Father (this statement is utterly contrary to much false worldly Christian teaching – so reader please beware of their falsehoods – where they claim that works are unnecessary).

So we are able to read here the repetition for emphasis – so clearly it must be understood by the reader how important this passage and the wisdom flowing from it is for us - personally.

To reemphasis, we are able to see coming out of this loving arrangement a mutual requirement, where God has done works for us and we should reciprocate this principled love back through our works to help others by preaching the kingdom message. It is this exercising of our faith/fidelity/assurance (or belief/commitment/entrusting) in Jesus and Yahweh that is so important. A very sobering thought.

Our very future depends upon an <u>accurate</u> knowledge!

What else is there?

Why did Jesus have to suffer and die?

Revealed to us at what happened after his birth, where during his ministry he demonstrated to all people undeserved kindness and truth. Maintained integrity, suffered and died. This is what God required to <u>righteously</u> balance His Law (never to be repelled). It showed how the prophecy was fulfilled, proved Jesus was bruised in the heel and was able to recover from the dead to ultimate glory, to now become the intercessor between man and Yahweh. His love for us still abounds and is concerned over us now. He showed us how and why. So he invites all humans (it does not matter what nationality, or ethnic grouping) to become part of his church class = his body = his bride being 144000 Sons of God. But to be part of this grouping:-

Matt 28v19-20 Go you and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy spirit: <u>Teaching them **to observe all the things** that I have commanded you</u>; and, lo, I am with you always (by *Jesus' presence within those who imitate him*), even unto the end of the world.

This is Jesus' parting instruction for us all. To do this is exercising faith/fidelity/assurance in him. So it is this instruction given to <u>all True</u> Christians which must be applied to show people <u>how</u>, by telling and teaching newcomers to observe the things commanded by Jesus to his people, to live their lives in a particular manner to show that they have 'this mark' that makes them different to the ways of this world presently governed by Satan.

John 13v34 I give you a new commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 17v25 O righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I have known you and these things I have made known that you have sent me.

This shows how impartial this love must be. It is open to anyone of any nation. This love is 'the mark' that must be made manifest to all people who view a <u>True</u> Christian by showing it in action, as it was shown between God and Jesus and mankind (exercising belief/commitment/entrusting in Jesus). We must embrace this expectation for the future of mankind under Jesus now assumed sovereignty of this planet to be exercised in The Millennium. By exercising this love we are able to pass the message on to those who are unable to see the road map to Jesus clearly defined for themselves. We personally must learn more about this role to teach others.

John 20v31 But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through his name.

This includes each and every one of us – it is a <u>very **personal** matter</u> – no other human is able to do this for us, (*irrespective of what many false worldly religions mislead us with - saying you are saved by belonging to our group – this is just an utter lie*).

So we now know where to look for this accurate knowledge, so that we are able to proceed beyond just the name Jesus (as The Greek tells us in the word "name" is the "Character" and "Authority").

But **Yes** we are able to look in The Bible to gain this <u>accurate</u> knowledge so that we know <u>why</u> Jesus had to suffer and die.