

## Got Questions: Why was Jesus Crucified?

### **#1 The Scheme of Satan**

#### **Isaiah 14:12 – 14**

**12** “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!

**13** You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north;

**14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

**Luke 4:13** And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**John 14:30** I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,

**Luke 22:53** When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

**Philippians 2:8b** ...he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

### **#2 The Whim of the People**

#### **John 12:13 - 15**

**13** So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

**14** And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

**15** “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”

#### **Luke 23:18 – 23**

**18** But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”—

**19** a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.

**20** Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus,

**21** but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!”

**22** A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.”

**23** But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed.

### **#3 The Envy of the Rulers**

#### **Matthew 27:17 - 18**

**17** So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”

**18** For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

#### **John 11:45 – 48**

**45** Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,



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**46** but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

**47** So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs.

**48** If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

### **Matthew 26:63 – 66**

**63** But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

**64** Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

**65** Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy.

**66** What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”

## **#4 The Concern of the Romans**

### **John 19:12 - 15**

**12** From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”

**13** So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.

**14** Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”

**15** They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

**Mark 15:39** And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

## **#5 The Plan of the God**

### **Isaiah 53:5 – 11**

**6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

**8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

**9** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

**10** Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

**11** Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

