

"WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO SUFFER AND DIE?"
(The Passion of Christ - Lesson One)
(Luke 24:13-31)

Introduction: During the month of March we will examine the {sufferings} and {death} of Christ. It was {essential}! It was {elective}! It was {effective}!

I. THE {HOLINESS} OF GOD MADE IT ESSENTIAL

*Genesis 3:6-8 *Genesis 3:21 *Romans 5:12
*Psalm 24:3-5 *Habakkuk 1:13a *Revelation 21:27
*Matthew 27:46

Note: If God were ever tempted to compromise on sin, it would have been during the {crucifixion}.

II. THE {SINFULNESS} OF HUMANS MADE IT ESSENTIAL

*Psalm 14:2-3 *Isaiah 6:1-8 *Isaiah 53:4-6
*II Corinthians 5:17-21 *Genesis 3:17-18 *Galatians 3:13

Note: There was a reason Jesus wore a crown of {thorns}.

III. THE GREAT {LOVE} OF GOD MADE IT ESSENTIAL

*John 3:16 *Romans 5:8 *John 14:6 *Hebrews 10:1-20
*John 12:27-28 *Matthew 26:38-42 *Revelation 5:1-10

Note: If you ever doubt God loves you, look at Jesus on the {cross}!

Conclusion: God used the {cross} to build a {bridge} between sinners and Himself! (I Timothy 2:3-6)