

Death of the Son

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Years ago, I gave a sermon titled "That God May Be All in All." I chose the title of the sermon from the concluding phrase in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

1 Corinthians 15:24, 28—"Then comes the end, when He [Son] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [Son] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power . . . Now when all things are made subject to Him [Son], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [Father] who put all things under Him [Son], that God may be all in all."

I also quoted John 5:22-23.

John 5:22-23—"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

I proceeded to give 10 ways we can show honor to the Son. This week we will look at the fifth concept—the death of the Son.

Seeds in Old Testament

The sacrificial system in the Old Testament pointed to the future death of the Son of God. Notice a few verses.

Exodus 12:3, 5—"Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household . . . Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.' "

1 Peter 1:18-19—"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Isaiah 53:7, 9—"He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth . . . And they made His grave with the wicked— but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth."

Acts 8:32-33—"The place in the Scripture which he read was this: 'He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.' "

Told His disciples

Toward the end of the Son's physical ministry on earth, He told His disciples about His upcoming death.

Matthew 16:21—"From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

Importance of His death

At various places, the Bible discusses the importance of the death of the Son.

Romans 5:6-9—"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

Hebrews 2:14-15—"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."