



## When Were We Crucified?

- **Matthew 27:33-56**
  - How many were crucified that day?
    - **Galatians 2:20** – “I have been crucified with Christ”
      - What does it mean to be “crucified with Christ?”
  - What was the date of my crucifixion?
- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?
- What did the God-man accomplishing by dieing?
- What does this all really mean to the way I live my life today?

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1. **Why the Blood? Lev. 17:11**
  - Our essential need: forgiveness for sins and deliverance from the power of sin.
    - I sin (act) because I am a sinner (principle), not the other way around
  - The blood – *deals with our sins.*
    - It is God's final and only answer for our continual looking away from Him (sinning).
    - **Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; Romans 3:25; 5:9**
  - But why do I continually look away from Him (sin)??
    - The more I try to do right, the more I fail
      - » **Romans 7:15** – “I am doing the very thing I hate”
    - I need deliverance from what I have done, but I soon realize that I need deliverance from *what I am.*

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2. **Why the Cross?**
  - Our essential need: forgiveness for sins and deliverance from the power of sin.
    - The blood – deals with our sins (what I do).
    - The cross – dealt with us (who I am).
  - Why are we sinners? Why do we have this sin principle?
    - **1 Corinthians 15:22** – “in Adam” & “in Christ”
  - What does it mean to be “in Adam”?
    - **Hebrews 7** – The writer of Hebrews is trying to show that Melchizedek is superior to Levi.
      - » The priesthood of Christ is superior to the priesthood of Aaron – who was of the tribe of Levi
      - » To prove this, he proves that Levi was subordinate to Melchizedek.

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2. **Why the Cross? (cont.)**
  - What does it mean to be “in Adam”?
    - How?
      - » **Hebrews 7:4** – *Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek*
      - » Since Abraham paid tithes, Isaac, who was “in Abraham” paid tithes, thus Jacob, who was also “in Abraham” paid tithes, thus Levi, who was also “in Abraham” paid tithes, thus Aaron (Kohath & Amram) paid tithes to Melchizedek.

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      Jesus["Jesus (Judah) Heb. 7:14"] <--> Melchizedek["Melchizedek Heb. 7:4"]
      Melchizedek <--> Abraham["Abraham Heb. 7:4"]
      Abraham <--> Isaac["(Isaac 'in Abraham')"]
      Abraham <--> Jacob["(Jacob/Israel 'in Abraham')"]
      Isaac <--> Aaron["(Aaron 'in Abraham')"]
      Jacob <--> Levi["(Levi 'in Abraham')"]
      
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3. **How then am I dealt with by the cross?**
  - I am “in Adam” by birth, thus I can only get “out of Adam” by death.
  - Bondage to sin came by birth; deliverance from sin must come by **death—death is the secret of emancipation!**
    - By being “in Christ” at His crucifixion, I was crucified and thus removed from Adam.
    - But how are we “in Christ”?
      - **1 Corinthians 1:30** – by His doing!
    - **Romans 6:6** – “knowing this”, what?
      - That our old man was crucified with Christ.

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- 2 Corinthians 5:14 – “one died for all, therefore all died”
  - We were crucified some 2000 years ago as an historical fact.
- The human condition of being “in Adam” was put to death (ended) on the cross.
  - 1 Corinthians 15:45 – *First Adam, Last Adam*
  - 1 Corinthians 15:47 – *First Man, Second Man*



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### • So what??

- Romans 6:5 – we are forever united with Christ.
  - On the cross, He died, and because we were placed “in Him”, we died.
- Blood – deals with sins.
- Cross – dealt with who I was: “*I in Christ*”
- Resurrection – brings life: “*Christ in me*”
  - Sadly, there will be many who were “in Christ” who will be separated from Him for all eternity because they never believed their substitution was paid in full.
- Until I *know* and *believe* that I was in Christ at His crucifixion, I will forever be a slave to who I was—in Adam.
- Why does our Lord tell us to consider ourselves dead? Because we are dead!

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- How many were crucified that day?
  - I believe there were *four*:
    - two thieves, Jesus, and *me*.
  - How many do you count?