

# Christ Died For Us

## 1. Memorization verse

I John 4:14 - The Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

**Who is the Father?**

The Father is God.

**Why do we call God Father?**

Because we are His children.

**Who is the Son?**

The Son is Jesus.

**Why is Jesus called the Son?**

Jesus is called the Son because He was sent by God the Father.

Jesus acted under the authority of the Father. This is what sons are supposed to do, to obey their fathers.

**What is the difference between the Father and the Son?**

The only difference is that the Father is the one who sent the Son and the Son is the one who was sent.

The Father and Son are the same in essence in that they are both God along with the Holy Spirit. This is Holy Trinity.

**What did the Father send His Son to do?**

The Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

**Why did the world need a Savior?**

Because all people are sinners and can not meet God's standard of perfection on our own.

**How did Jesus make it possible for sinners to be saved and go to heaven when they die?**

Jesus paid the penalty for sinfulness by dying for those who believe Him.

## 2. Story

I've invited a special guest to tell you about how Jesus made it possible for us to have eternal life. Please welcome Mister Froggy...

Thank you Thank you... thank you for taking me out of that bag Mister Huckaby. It was quite comfortable but it was getting a bit stuffy in there.

**Well thank you for joining us today. Tell me Mister Froggy, how do you know the story of Jesus, were you there when they crucified Him?**

No I wasn't there when Jesus was crucified. Do you think I look 2000 years old? I know about Jesus the same way everyone learns about Jesus, from God's Word, the Bible.

**Alright, so tell us Mister Froggy, why was Jesus nailed on a cross to die?**

This is how the Romans killed criminals 2000 years ago.

**Does this mean that Jesus was a criminal?**

No, Jesus was no criminal. He is the only one who ever lived who was without sin. People had to tell lies about Jesus to justify sending Him to the cross to die. You see, the rulers in Israel didn't like Jesus because He told the people how they could be saved by trusting in God.

**Why did telling people how to be saved make the rulers in Israel mad at Jesus?**

Jesus telling people to trust in God was not what the rulers in Israel told the people. The religious rulers told people they could be saved by following the rules that they themselves made up. The non-religious rulers denied that it was even possible to be saved. In both cases, what Jesus taught disagreed with them and challenged their authority so they planned to kill Jesus on a cross.

**What is it like to die on a cross?**

It is the most painful way to die. They don't even use this way to kill criminals anymore because it is so cruel. By being nailed to a cross, Jesus slowly bled to death over several hours.

**Who are the two men who died on crosses with Jesus?**

These two men were real criminals who deserved to be put to death. Scripture tells us that one of them came to believe in Jesus as Savior of the world while he was dying and was

granted eternal life by Jesus. The other one never believed that Jesus was the Savior and even made fun of Him saying that if Jesus was the Son of God, why couldn't He even save Himself?

**Well why didn't Jesus save Himself? Jesus was God in human form wasn't He? Jesus performed mighty miracles, why didn't He perform a miracle to keep from dying on the cross?**

If Jesus didn't die, He couldn't pay the price for our sins. This is why Jesus came to earth. This was His mission, to die for us. People think the Jewish religious leaders and Roman rulers put Jesus to death but God is in control of even these things. Jesus choose to die. He did this for all of us so that we could be saved.

**Jesus is only one man, how could His death on the cross count for all of us?**

Jesus was no ordinary man. Jesus was without sin so this made Him the only one qualified to die for us. And don't forget, Jesus was not only a man, He is also God. So Jesus was the only one who could pay the price of everyone who believes in Him.

**What happened to Jesus after he died?**

They buried Jesus in a tomb that was sealed with a giant stone like in the picture here. But Jesus didn't stay dead. God raised Him up giving Him a new body and rolled the stone away.

**Mister Froggy, that is pretty incredible, how do we know that God raised Jesus from the dead?**

Jesus was seen by many witnesses after he rose from the dead. And many of the testimonies of those who saw Jesus is written in the Bible. God made sure that people would know about Jesus rising from the dead so that we all could know that this is God's plan for us as well.

**That is really a great story Mister Froggy. Thank you for sharing that with us. Next we're going to talk about how to be saved. Do you want to stick around?**

No, I'll leave that for you to do. You are better at asking questions than I am so please put me back in my bag.

**You don't want to go back in the bag just to sleep do you?**

No, I may get around to sleeping but I will say my prayers first.

**OK, everyone say good-bye to Mister Froggy...**

### **3. How to become a Christian**

**Is it easy for a person to become saved so that they will go to heaven when they die?**

Yes, it is as easy as A - B - C...

**What does A stand for?**

Admit.

**What does it mean to admit?**

Admit means to accept, to acknowledge, to agree with God. It means to face the truth about your condition before God.

**What must a person who wants to go to heaven admit to?**

To go to heaven, a person must admit to being a sinner.

**What is sin?**

Sin is disobeying God, our Heavenly Father.

Sin is doing or saying bad things that harm other people.

**Is it possible for people to save themselves by not doing bad things?**

You might be able to convince other people that you are a good person, but God knows our inner thoughts. People may be able to avoid doing bad things but they can not avoid bad thoughts which God considers to be as bad as bad actions.

**What does the B stand for?**

Believe.

**What does it mean to believe?**

To believe means to understand, to know the truth that God has revealed. Believing is accepting what God has said as being true.

**What must a person believe to be saved?**

To be saved, a person must believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world.

You must believe that His death on the cross paid the penalty for your sins.

You must also believe that Jesus rose from the dead to prove that believers will have life after death.

**Why is it necessary to believe in Jesus to be saved?**

You must believe in Jesus to be saved because this is the one way God provided for us to be saved.

If you try to get to heaven any other way besides trusting in Jesus, this is rejection of God and is sin.

**What does the C stand for?**

Confess.

**What does it mean to confess?**

To confess means to tell others what you know to be true.

**What must we confess to be saved?**

To be saved, a person must confess to other people that Jesus is your Savior and Lord.

**What does it mean that Jesus is your Lord?**

The word Lord means boss. By saying Jesus is Lord, we are saying that He is our boss, that we are obedient to Him and follow His leadership.

**Why is it necessary to confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord to be saved?**

Jesus saves people for a purpose, to tell the good news about Him to others. If we are not doing that, we need to question ourselves if we are really saved or just think we are saved.

**What happens to those who don't Admit to being a sinner, Believe in Jesus, and Confess to others that Jesus is your Savior and Lord?**

People who do not take God's way to heaven will not go to heaven when they die, instead they'll go to what the Bible calls "the lake of fire." This is another term for hell. This is a place that is always on fire and not a fun place to be.

**Besides hell being a hot place that is not fun, what is the worst thing about hell?**

Hell is separation from God. You never get to be with the one who created you.

We've going to close with a prayer but before we do, I want you to know that Jesus loves you and wants all of you to spend eternity in heaven with Him as well as all your friends and relatives who know Him. I would encourage any of you who have not become a Christian to talk to your parents or some other adult Christian about this. Tell them you admit to being a sinner, believe in Jesus and in doing this you are confessing your relationship with Jesus to them. When you do that, I can assure you on the authority of God's Word that you are saved.