

BECAUSE JESUS DIED
MATTHEW 27:50-56

Introduction:

- A. "The darkest day to ever dawn the earth was the day Jesus was crucified."
 - B. Today we realize it was all part of God's scheme of redemption.
 - 1. Jesus paid the price for our sins. a. Roman 6:23
 b. I John 2:2 c. I Peter 1:24 d. I Corinthians 15:3
 - 2. Through His death, Christ satisfied the just demands of God.
 - C. On this Memorial Day Weekend as we remember those who have gone on before us, let us not forget about Christ and what he accomplished by dying.
 - 1. Because of His death we are the recipients of many blessings.
 - 2. Because Jesus died...
- I. We Can _____ The Love Of _____ John 3:16
- A. Ephesians 3:19 tells us the love of Christ surpasses knowledge.
 - 1. Paul is not saying we cannot know the love of Christ or God.
 - 2. He is saying the love of Christ is so great we may never fully _____ all that it entails.
 - B. Why does God love us? Psalms 8:4
 - 1. We are His creation. a. He gave us a living soul
 b. Because of sin it became a _____ and _____ soul.
 - 2. But, for God to love us so much to send His Son to die for us is hard to understand.
 - C. But He does love us—The _____ of His Son proves it.
 - 1. Romans 5:6-8 2. I John 3:1 3. I John 4:9-10
- II. Our _____ Can Be _____
- A. Sin _____ us from _____. Isaiah 59:1-2
 - B. By His death, Christ _____ us back to God. Romans 5:10-11
 - C. Had Jesus not died and shed His Blood there would be no _____ for sin.
 - D. Because Jesus died and made atonement for our sins we can be forgiven.
 - 1. Forgiveness is found _____ in the _____ of Jesus Christ.
 - 2. Ephesians 1:7 3. I John 1:7-9 4. Matthew 27:28-29

- E. On the day of Pentecost, Peter in the first gospel sermon, preached a message of _____. Acts 2:34-38
 - 1. Even though they had crucified the Son of God they could still be forgiven.
- F. Today you must come in contact with the blood of Christ to receive this forgiveness. Peter told us how.
- G. Because Jesus died we can be forgiven of our sins.

III. We Can Live in _____ Of _____

- A. John 3:16; Hebrews 5:8-9
- B. Had Jesus never _____, he would have never been _____.
- C. Because Jesus did die and was resurrected we know that we too shall be _____.
 - 1. I Corinthians 15:20
 - 2. I Corinthians 15:52
 - 3. _____ shall be _____.
- D. For those who lived for God, believed in Christ and obeyed Him, they shall receive _____.
 - 1. Matthew 25:46
 - 2. Titus 1:2
 - 3. I John 2:25
 - 4. I John 5:11-13
- E. Because Jesus died the _____ shall receive eternal life, and a _____ with God in _____.
 - 1. John 14:1-3
 - 2. II Corinthians 5:1
 - 3. Revelation 21:1-6

Conclusion:

- A. Do You Know The _____ of _____?
- B. Have You Came In Contact With The _____ Of _____ That Your Sins May Be _____?
- C. Do You Live In _____ of _____?
- D. _____ SO YOU COULD ENJOY THESE BLESSINGS!
- E. DID HE DIE IN VAIN?