

SERMON: WHY JESUS WAS KILLED

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 4:12

Introduction: One of the biggest “whys” in the history of mankind is WHY did they kill Jesus. There was every reason in the world why a good man like Him should have lived to say nothing of a God-man. However, one fact is clear, whatever evil forces killed Jesus are yet in the killing business. Men of goodness and for god are constantly threatened today by forces of evil.

Some of these examples are:

1. HE WAS KILLED BECAUSE HE WAS A POOR POLITICIAN

- a. To forgive and fellowship with an unpopular tax collector (Zaccheaeus) was playing poor politics.
- b. Being known as “a friend of sinners” was poor politics
- c. To forgive a prostitute publicly in opposition to the law of Moses was poor from popularity standpoint.
- d. To tell a leader of the Jews (Nicodemus) that he “must be born again” could have been a poor move politically.

2. HE WAS KILLED BECAUSE HE WAS NOT A “POLISHED” PREACHER

- a. He had no regular pulpit, nor held customary services
- b. He did not dress like nor act like the temple priest or the synagogue minister
- c. He used “abusive language” when He called people “vipers, hypocrites and “whited sepulchers.”
- d. He used odd methods to cleanse the temple.

3. HE WAS KILLED BECAUSE HE OVERTURNED TRADITIONS

- a. He broke laws of the Sabbath to help people.
- b. He spoke to the Samaritan woman publicly
- c. He taught the gospel should be preached to “every creature.”

Conclusion: He was killed, but the common man, the poor, sick and dying loved Him and found Him to be Savior of mankind.