

**Question:** What is the heart of the gospel?

**Answer:**

**Scripture: Romans 5:6-12 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**I. WHEN DID JESUS DIE?**

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.” - John 6:44a (ESV)

“So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come” - John 7:30 (NIV)

“No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord” - John 10:18 (ESV)

“I and the Father are one.” - John 10:30 (ESV)

**II. WHO DID JESUS DO FOR?**

“There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even on.” - Romans 3:10-12 (NIV)

**III. WHY DID JESUS DIE?**

“For the wages of sin is death...” - Romans 6:23a (ESV)

“For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life” - Leviticus 17:11 (NIV)

**IV. WHAT DOES JESUS’ DEATH MEAN FOR US?**

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“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” - 1 John 4:10 (ESV)

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“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” - Romans 5:1 (ESV)

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