

Journey to the cross – part II

“Why? For our sins”



Jesus Immersed Himself in scripture



- Man's story
- Israel's story
- Rejected saviours
- God's faithfulness
- Sacrifice required
- Resurrection promised
- And He fulfilled it all!

Why die? Isaiah 53, Psalm 22 & John



- Bring us peace – 53:5
- Justify many – 53:11
- World turns to God – 22:27
- Love – John 14:31
- Spirit – John 16:7
- Bear our sins – 53:12

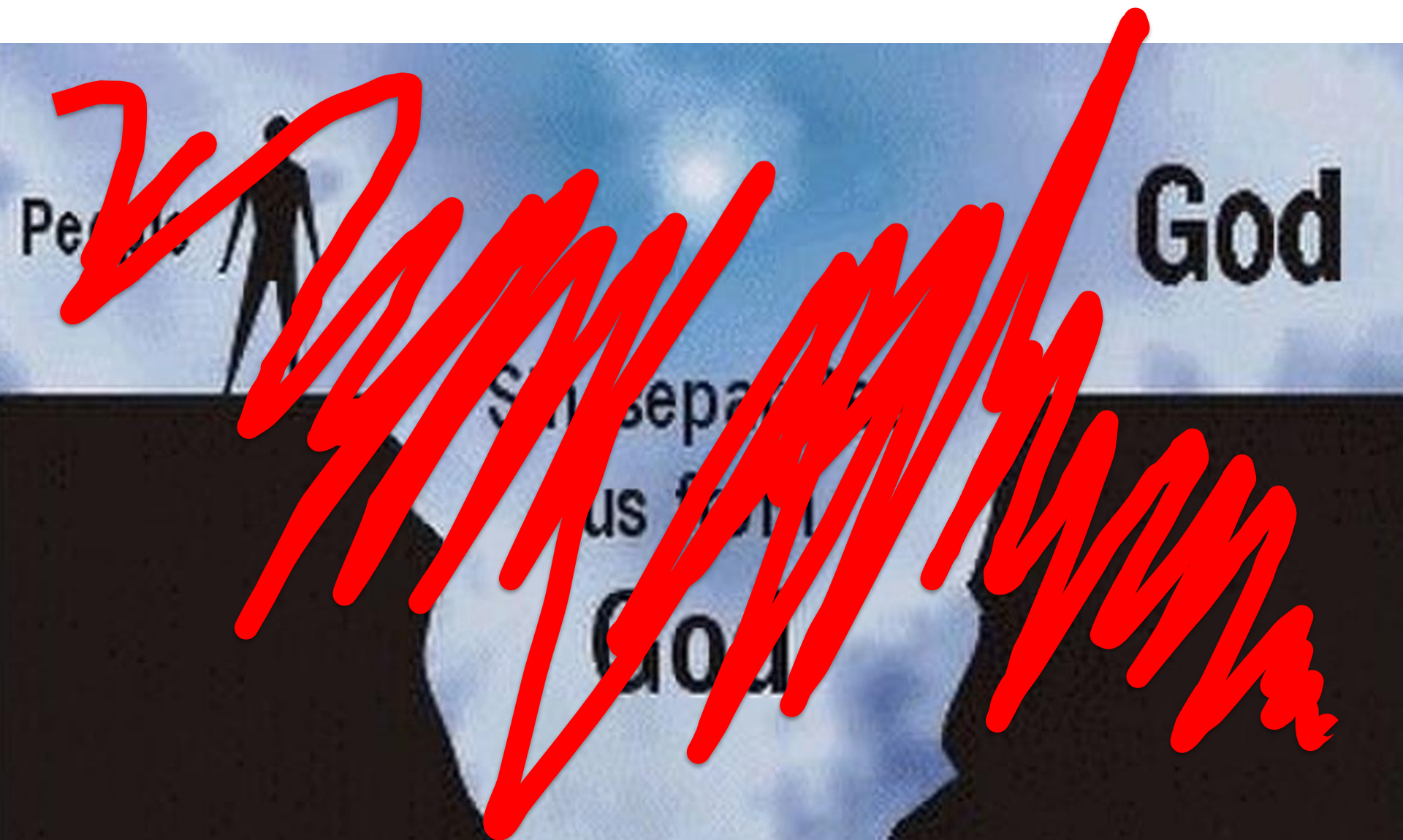


What does it mean “He bore the sins of many”?

WHAT IS SIN?



Stop using this picture... please!



Jesus believed He must sacrifice Himself



- Appease? Yes & no
- A journey in understanding
 - Abraham – no children
 - Leviticus – be at peace
 - David – not wanted
 - Jesus – it is finished!
- **NO FEAR!**



Paul's Gospel

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4



Declared by angels and men!

“... call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29



What is sin?



Humanity fell short



- Like God
 - Ruling
 - Creating
 - Glory
- Chose independence
- Suffering increased
 - War, famine, sickness & death



Israel fell short



- Light to the world –
Isaiah 49:6, 60:3
- Nearly got there
– Queen of Sheba
- Idolatry
- Part of the problem

We all fall short...



So God forgives

- Not simply a change of heart
- But clearing up the mess caused by sin
 - Setting us free
 - Restoring creation
- Ensuring the glorious purposes for us & creation are fulfilled



Jesus hits the target for Israel



- He is the Light – John 8:12
- We are the Light – Matthew 5:14
- Lighting the way – John 14:6
- Back to Father – John 14-15
- The world called!



Jesus hits the target for humanity



- Looked to His Father
- Loved everyone
- Learned to rule on earth for heaven
- Mending creation
 - Multiplying food
 - Healing the sick
 - Calming the storm
 - Raising the dead



Matt 13:44 Treasure hidden in a field..



His sacrifice would accomplish...



- Propitiation
- Redemption
- Reconciliation
- Vindication
- Justification
- Salvation

- For the world!



Today...



- Jesus is (re)capturing our hearts!
- Jesus is healing us
- Jesus is breaking off a fear of death
- Jesus is setting us free from the power of sin (to hit the target!)

