

FOUR REASONS JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS
Acts 13:38-39

Introduction:

1. These verses are part of the sermon that Paul preached on his first missionary journey at Antioch in Pisidia.
2. When studying these and other verses we find the reasons why Jesus went to the cross.
3. Let's study those reasons.

I. JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS BECAUSE OF SIN.

- A. Had there been no sin, there would have been no need for a Saviour.
Scripture: **I Timothy 1:15** *"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."*
- B. Had there been a percentage without sin perhaps Jesus would not have died.
Scripture: **Romans 3:10** *"... There is none righteous, no, not one:"*
- C. Therefore, if God would take any man to heaven He had to send a Saviour.

II. JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS BECAUSE OF HELL.

- A. Even though sin existed if there were no punishment for sin there would be no need of a Saviour.
- B. The fact is that there is a hell.
 1. Hell is a real place. Scripture: **Luke 16:19-23**
 2. Hell is a place of torment. Scripture: **Luke 16:24**
 3. Hell is a place of everlasting torment.
Scripture: **Matthew 25:46** *"... everlasting punishment . . ."*
- C. Jesus died to save men from hell. Scripture: **John 3:16**

III. JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS BECAUSE OF LOVE.

- A. Man alone could not have carried Jesus to the cross.
- B. Nails alone could not have held Him to the cross.
- C. It was love that sent Him and love that kept Him there.
Scripture: **I John 4:10** *"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*
Scripture: **John 15:13** *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."*

IV. JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS BECAUSE OF YOU.

- A. According to God's word, Jesus died for every man.
Scripture: **Hebrews 2:9** *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."*
- B. Yet, He died personally for you.
Scripture: **John 5:24** *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."*

Conclusion: Jesus has done so much for you . . what have you done for Him?