

JESUS WILL DIE

• The Religious Leaders' Plan

[In the Old Testament God said:] The seventh day is the Rest Day. Do not work on the Rest Day – but think about God on the Rest Day. Exodus 20:10

6 On the Rest Day, Jesus went to the church. He taught the people about God. A man was in the church – and the man's hand was shriveled. Luke 6:6

7 Religious leaders were also in the church. [The religious leaders hated Jesus] – so they wanted to accuse Jesus. They thought: It is bad to heal sick people on the Rest Day – it is work. Will Jesus heal the man's hand on the Rest Day? So they watched Jesus closely. Luke 6:7

12 Jesus said to the religious leaders, "It is right to do good things on the Rest Day."
13 Then Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." The man stretched out his hand. And his hand was healed. Matthew 12:12-13

11 The religious leaders were very angry – Jesus "worked" on the Rest Day. ... 14 So the religious leaders went out of the church – and they talked about killing Jesus. Luke 6:11 & Matthew 12:14

43-44 [Later] Jesus made Lazarus alive again. 45 And many people saw it and believed in Jesus. 47 So the religious leaders had a big meeting. 48 They said: Everyone will believe in Jesus – and Jesus will become very powerful. We must stop Jesus! 53 From that day, the religious leaders made plans to kill Jesus. John 11:45-53

• God's Plan: Why Did Jesus Die?

People did not say thank you to Creator God. And people did not say to Creator God: You are wonderful and very great. Romans 1:21

We all turned away from Creator God. We all went our own way. Isaiah 53:6

9 [So] Jesus said, 10 "I came to earth to look for people who are lost – I came to save people who are lost." Luke 19:9-10

10 No one is good. 23 Everyone sins. No one can match God's wonderful goodness. Romans 3:10, 23

12 Everyone sins, so everyone dies. ... 23 Death is the penalty for sin. Romans 5:12; 6:23

[Sin = (1) Not loving Creator God; (2) not loving people; and
(3) bad thoughts, bad words, bad actions.]

How can people buy back their souls? What can people pay to God for their souls?
Nothing! Mark 8:37

6All of us are dirty – our hearts are dirty. And all our good actions are dirty. 5So how can we be saved?

Isaiah 64:5-6

5Only one person can buy back our lives! Only one person can stand between us and God. Jesus is our only mediator – 6Jesus gave himself to buy back our lives.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

18Jesus did not buy our lives back with money! 19Jesus bought our lives back with his precious blood. ... Jesus gave his life to buy back many people.

1 Peter 1:18 & Mark 10:45

On the cross, Jesus carried our sins in his body.

1 Peter 2:24

Jesus had no sin. But Jesus became sin for us – Creator God made Jesus become sin for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21

The penalty for sin is death. But God's gift is life forever! Jesus gives us God's gift.

Romans 6:23

Creator God makes us his friends – God makes us his friends through Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:18

CONTENT QUESTIONS**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

The religious leaders had a plan.
 And Creator God had a plan.
 Whose plan do you think is the main plan?

The Religious Leaders' Plan

- What did God say about the Rest Day in the Old Testament? (Exodus 20:10)
- When did Jesus go to the church? (Luke 6:6)
 - Who was in the church? (verse 6)
 - What was the man's problem? (verse 6)
- Who else was in the church? (Luke 6:7)
 - How did the religious leaders feel about Jesus? [verse 7]
 - What did the religious leaders want to do to Jesus? (verse 7)
 - What did the religious leaders think about healing people on the Rest Day?
 (verse 7)
 - What did Jesus say about helping people on the rest day? (Matthew 12:12)
 - So what did Jesus do to the man? (verse 13)
 - How did the religious leaders feel after Jesus healed the man?
 (Luke 6:11)
 - So what did the religious leaders want to do to Jesus?
 (Matthew 12:14)
- Later, what amazing thing did Jesus do? (John 11:43-44)
 - Many people saw Jesus make Lazarus alive again. Then what did they do?
 (verse 45)
 - But what did the religious leaders think? Why were they worried? (verse 48)
 - So, what did they plan to do to Jesus? (verse 53)

So, what are the 2 reasons the religious leaders
 planned to kill Jesus?

God's Plan: Why Did Jesus Die?

- What do we do wrong? (Romans 1:21 & Isaiah 53:6)
- So, why did Jesus come to earth? (Luke 19:10)

- Why are we all lost? Why can't we be good enough for God? (Romans 3:10, 23)
- What happens to all of us because we sin? (Romans 5:21 & 6:23)
- Can we buy back our souls? (Mark 8:37)
 - Why not? Why can't we buy back our souls? (Isaiah 64:5-6)

If we can't buy back our souls, what do you think we need?

- Who is the only person who can buy back our lives? (1 Timothy 2:5-6)
 - What did Jesus have to do to buy back our lives? (verse 6)
 - What did Jesus pay for us? Did he pay money? (1 Peter 1:19 & Mark 10:45)
 - What did Jesus carry on the cross for us? (1 Peter 2:24)
 - Did Jesus sin? (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Then, why did Jesus die?

- What is God's gift to us? (Romans 6:23)

If a friend gives you a gift, do you pay for the gift?
What do you do?

- How do we get God's gift? (Romans 6:23 & 2 Corinthians 5:18)
- What new relationship can we have with God? (2 Corinthians 5:18)