

## Session 20 Outline

**Key Question:** Why did Jesus need to die?

**Biblical Truth:** The death of Jesus was the only way to redeem us from the penalty of sin.

1. The question before us: Why did Jesus need to die? The truth is: He didn't *need* to die. He *chose* to die.
2. Sin has to be dealt with, and the payment for sin is death. (Rom. 5:12; 6:23)
  - We cannot pay for our own sins. The fact that we are tainted with sin means that any sacrifice we offer is imperfect and incomplete.
3. Jesus died as our substitute. (Rom. 5:6-8)
  - Jesus could offer Himself because He is sinless.
  - Jesus chose to offer Himself because He is love.
4. Only Jesus could accomplish this.
  - Only Jesus could be the ransom for our sin. (Eph. 1:7; 1 Tim. 2:5-6)
  - Only Jesus could die as our atonement and propitiation. (Heb. 8:12; 1 John 2:2; 4:10).
  - Only Jesus could die as our reconciliation. (Rom. 5:10-11; Eph. 2:13; Col. 1:19-22)