

1. Which one of the following was not partially responsible for Jesus' death? [1 mark]

A) The Romans                      B) The Jewish leaders                      C) Judas                      D) Mary

2. Give two things that Jesus said on the cross. [2 marks]

Father forgive them they know not what they do/ I thirst/ It is finished/ Eloi Eloi Lema Sabachthani – My God, My God, why have you forsaken me/ It is finished/ I tell you today you will be with me in Paradise/ Father in your hands I commit my spirit

3. Explain two significant things that happened at Jesus' crucifixion. [4 marks]

The temple in the curtain tore in two from top to bottom: the barrier of sin was removed/ The sky went dark: God was angry at the injustice/ The Roman centurion said "Surely this man was the Son of God": showed that Jesus is for everyone not just Jews/ "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me": Jesus took our sin

4. Explain two reasons why the crucifixion is important to Christians. [5 marks]

Atonement> Jesus died for our sin> "I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father except through me." "the temple in the curtain tore in two from top to bottom." Showed God's love> "For God so loved the world he gave he only son that whoever believes in him shall not die but have eternal life."

5. 'The crucifixion does not affect Christian's lives today.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

It happened nearly 2000 years ago > has no effect or impact today. Sin was dealt with then so nothing is needed now > Jesus said "It is finished." Salvation by Grace > we cannot earn God's favour > "it is not by works so no one can boast" (Ephesians 2). Crucifixion is not something that is practiced today so hard to relate to. Christians should concentrate on the victorious resurrection – not the death

Some Christians disagree:

It is at the centre of Christianity > atonement for sin occurred so now humans can be saved > temple in curtain tore > full access to God without shame for sin. Christians should live their lives in response to the cross and being thankful to Jesus daily, be obedient to his teaching > love your neighbour/sheep and the goats. Church worship centred on crucifixion > Holy Communion the commemoration of his death.

*POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: When Jesus said "it is finished" he meant our sin is atoned for, not "this is not important" – in fact his disciples were commanded to continue celebrating communion in his name.*