

# CRUCIFIXION

Christianity  
Beliefs

## The crucifixion

The execution and death of Jesus on Good Friday

## atonement

To cover over sin. What Jesus' death achieved

## atonement

Jesus' death atoned for the sins of humanity

## God's love

The crucifixion is the ultimate display of God's love for humanity.

## God's forgiveness

The crucifixion demonstrates that all sin can be forgiven

## Humanity's sin

The crucifixion shows the depravity of human sin: Jesus had to die for us to be forgiven

## Suffering

The crucifixion shows that suffering should be expected and that God will use suffering to bring about blessing/

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

*John 3:16*

"I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father except through me." *John 14:6*

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." *Luke 23:34*

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." *Luke 23:39-43*

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34 And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). *Mark 15:33*

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. *Mark 15:38*

## Past Exam Questions

**2018** Explain two ways in which Jesus' crucifixion influences Christians today. (4)

**2021** Give two Christian beliefs about Jesus' crucifixion. (2)

The belief in the crucifixion **influences** Christians to...

- **worship him:** he died for them the response to this is to worship
- **take sin seriously:** Jesus died to forgive sin so Christians should do all they can to avoid committing sins
- **love others:** Christians have been loved much and so should love others in response
- **live sacrificially:** in response to the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus, Christians should be willing to make sacrifices to help others
- **evangelise:** Christians should tell others the Gospel – the good news of how Jesus loves humanity and gave up his life for them