

Chapter 8

The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ

- Was it necessary for Jesus to die?
- Could God have done it another way?
- What is God's plan?

- “Sin is just a drop of water in the burning furnace of God’s love.” -- St. Therese of Lisieux
- “Where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more.”
Romans 5:20

- Why did Jesus have to die?
- Couldn't he have done this another way?

Four reasons Jesus came:

1. His Passion
2. Death
3. Resurrection
4. Ascension

Together these are known as the Paschal Mystery.

Four things He accomplished in the act of Salvation:

1. To save us from our sins
2. Love
3. To be our model of holiness
 - Salvation
 - Redemption
 - Resurrection
4. To make us partakers of the Divine Nature that we might become sons and daughters of God

“By the mixing of this water and wine, may we share in the divinity of Christ, as He humbled Himself to share in our humanity.”