

Outline – March 7, 2021
Exodus 34:6-7, Isaiah 53:1-12, 2 Corinthians 5:21
The Purpose Of The Cross

The Great Riddle Of Exodus 34:6

- I. **What the cross of Jesus was designed to do**
 - A. To bring life out of death
 - 1. Jesus' death would give us life
 - 2. He rescues us, paying our debt
 - B. To bring grace out of wrath
 - 1. As God pours out His wrath on Jesus
 - 2. He pours out His grace on us
 - C. To bring light out of darkness
 - 1. The land went dark
 - 2. The darkness of humanity at its worse
 - 3. So the light of God would shine and be seen in us
 - D. To bring triumph out of tragedy
 - 1. Our lives are tragic, they end in death
 - 2. The wages of sin is death
 - E. The cross brings adoption out of judgment

- II. **How does God accomplish this?**
 - A. Sends His only begotten Son to be scorned and sacrificed
 - 1. He came to take our place
 - 2. He came to pay the debt of our sin
 - 3. We don't understand the depth of our sin
 - a. We suppress it
 - b. We deny it
 - c. We transfer it
 - d. We excuse it
 - e. We minimize it
 - f. We defend it
 - g. We make it our identity
 - 4. But when you see it for what it is - that it destroys you and keeps you from God - you recognize the importance of a savior
 - 5. Jesus came doing miracles proving His deity and was mocked and rejected
 - B. God sent His Son to be our substitute
 - 1. Our grief and sin he bore
 - 2. He was pierced, crushed, mocked for our iniquities
 - 3. He who knew no sin became sin

- C. God's Son was sent to submit
 - 1. He did not defend Himself
 - 2. The sacrificial lamb
 - 3. He was judged, oppressed and killed
 - 4. To be thrown into the city dump
 - 5. With a rich man at His death
 - D. God was satisfied
 - 1. It is finished
 - 2. The crucifixion was an achievement
 - 3. He made a way, he built a bridge
 - 4. He gives the hope, forgiveness and grace we need
 - 5. All who turn to Him have eternal life
- III. The purpose of the cross**
- A. To pay for our sin
 - B. To bring us back to God
 - C. To give us grace
 - D. To remove the wrath from us
 - E. To exchange lives

That Was/Is The Purpose Of The Cross