



Message



Purpose of the Passion?

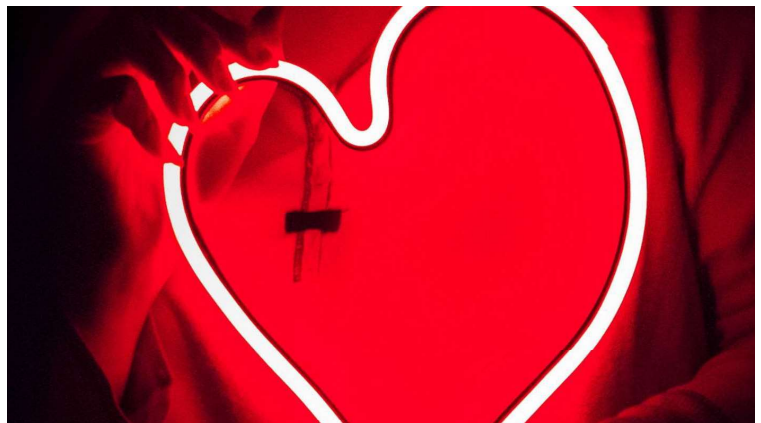


'When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept.'

(John 11:33-35)

Jesus is moved by our sorrow

'[What he saw] enraged Jesus because it brought home the evil of death, its unnaturalness, its "violent tyranny". In Mary's grief he sees and feels the misery of the whole race and burns with rage against the oppressor of humanity. It is death that is the subject of his wrath, and behind death him who has the power of death, and whom he had come into the world to destroy.' (John Stott)



'Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."' (John 11:6)

'Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."' (John 11:23-24)

'Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"' (John 11:25-26)

Jesus is able to defeat death

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:3)

Jesus is able to defeat death

'Do you believe this?' (John 11:26)

'Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light.' (John 11:9)

The purpose of the Passion...

To stand with us in our sorrows

To defeat death

To bid us trust Jesus



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