

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