**TWO WAYS TO LIVE**

Part 5: Box 4 The Death of Jesus

**INTRODUCTION**

Proverbs 20:11 Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.

**EXERCISE**

*Learn the pictures, words and Bible verses for boxes 4, 5 and 6.*



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**WHY IT MATTERS**

**THE MAIN IDEAS**

1. Jesus and God

*2 Corinthians 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.*

2. Jesus and Man

*Heb. 2:14   Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted*

3. Propitiation

*Romans 3:21-26*

Redemption

Sacrifice

Justice

**WHAT THE WORLD THINKS**

1. Why can’t God just forgive?

*Anselm of Canterbury: “Ah, but you have not yet considered the seriousness of sin.”*

2. Morally wrong

*“how… we come to believe that at the cross the[e] God of love suddenly decides to vent his anger and wrath on his own Son?” and concludes that penal substitution must be wrong because: “The fact is that the cross isn't a form of cosmic child abuse — a vengeful Father, punishing his Son for an offense he has not even committed.”*

Steve Chalke “The Lost Message of Jesus” p182

*“the mysterious unity of the Father and Son rendered it possible for God at once to endure and to inflict penal suffering”*

R W Dale

*“There is neither harsh injustice nor unprincipled love nor Christological heresy…there us only unfathomable mercy. For in order to save us in such a way as to satisfy himself, God through Christ substituted himself for us… the cross was not…a punishment of a meek Christ by a harsh and punitive Father; nor a procurement of salvation by a loving Christ from a mean and reluctant Father; nor an action of the Father which bypassed Christ as Mediator. Instead, the righteous, loving Father humbled himself to become in and through his only Son flesh, sin and a curse for us, in order to redeem us without compromising his own character.”*

John Stott, The Cross of Christ

3. An example of love

**CONCLUSION**

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