

# Jesus Died a Magnificent and Honorable Death

## DEATH – WHEN JESUS DIED A MAGNIFICENT AND HONORABLE DEATH

### [Luke 23:46](#)

1. We have reviewed the fact that the physical death of the sacrificial animal represented the spiritual death of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. The analogy between something physical and something spiritual will not be confused if we understand the nature of the Lord's physical death and see the greater picture of the totality and significance of what all was involved in the completed transaction of God's salvation plan.
3. The Old Testament animal blood sacrifice was a representative analogy. It was a literal death presenting the picture of the carrying away of sins ([1 Peter 2:24](#)) by the total work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross.
4. The animal of the Old Testament sacrifice was not nailed to a Cross nor was Jesus offered on the altar as was the Old Testament animal's sacrificial sacrifice.
5. So we can see that the animal died a literal death (bled to death) to picture what would be the results of the total work of Christ.
6. It has to be emphasized that the Lord Jesus Christ remained alive until after His salvation work became a total, completed transaction. While He was very much alive, He solved the Spiritual dilemma of mankind by a Spiritual solution. Once His mission for the First Advent was accomplished, He died in a most honorable way. (No panic even in the light of all He had endured. There was no last minute let-down. His physical death was worthy of His true loyalty and worthy of the resounding victory that He had just won. With a very powerful voice, He stated that Spiritual legacy that He was leaving to believers on earth (Note [Matt. 27:50-54](#); [Mark 15:37](#); [Luke 23:44-46](#)) and then He *DIED BY BREATHING OUT* (ἐκπνέω) and not breathing IN (ἐνπνέω). *THE FATHER'S PLAN CALLED FOR HIM TO DEPART AND HE DISMISSED HIS SPIRIT.*

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7. In a most honorable way the accomplishment of the purpose for the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent (Incarnation) was totally done. His birth was unique, His life was unique, His Spiritual death was unique in that He was the only person ever authorized to dismiss his own life when His assignment was complete. *BY AN ACT OF HIS OWN CHOICE, HIS SOUL AND HUMAN SPIRIT LEFT HIS BODY, AND ONLY THEN WAS HE PERSONALLY DEAD.*
8. Note here – His physical death took body, soul, and spirit into different locations:
  - *THE BODY TO THE TOMB – GRAVE* (Luke 23:53)
  - *THE SOUL TO HADES* – (Psalm 16:10; Luke 23:43)
  - *THE HUMAN SPIRIT INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE FATHER* – (Luke 23:46; Psalm 31:5)

### REAL AND REPRESENTATIVE ANALOGIES (Lev. 17:11-13)

1. When you have a *REAL ANALOGY*, you would have a literal death compared to a literal death.
2. What we have in this passage is a *Representative Analogy* – The animal died a literal death, but that death does not represent the literal death of Christ; it represents the carrying away, the bearing away of sins, as in [1 Pet. 2:24](#) *“Who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we are healed.”*
3. In a Representative analogy, you have a comparison of something literal with something figurative, or something figurative with something literal.
4. There is no literal analogy between the blood of animals and the blood of Christ, because Christ did not lose *all* of His blood on the cross.
5. The *“blood of Christ”* is not a real, but rather a *representative analogy*, in which physical death of the animal on the altar represents spiritual death of Christ on the Cross.

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6. What is meant by Spiritual death? The personal sins of the entire human race (Adam to the last sinner) were imputed to the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross and judged – causing our Lord to scream out, *“My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?”* Why was He forsaken? *“Because He who knew no sin, was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”*
7. Christ was alive when He said: *“My God, My God,”* and He was still alive when He said *“It is finished”* salvation was finished, and then He expired. He took care of a spiritual problem with a spiritual solution.
8. [Isa. 53:9](#), *DEATHS* is plural. [Col. 2:12](#), *“raised from deaths.”* He died twice that we might be born twice.

*BODY – TOMB* ([Luke 23:53](#))

*SPIRIT – FATHER’S PRESENCE* ([Luke 23:46](#); [Psalm 31:5](#))

*SOUL – Abraham’s Bosom* ([Psalm 16:10](#); [Luke 23:43](#))

3 compartments:

- Paradise
- Torments
- Tartarus

REAL AND REPRESENTATIVE ANALOGIES

SATAN’S DESIRE TO CONCEAL TRUTH

1. Satan, through the centuries of time, has had a *“HEY-DAY”* hiding and concealing the true meaning of many great Biblical subjects. Examples: Salvation, Election, Tongues, Sanctification, Hell, Heaven, Blood, Rapture, Etc.
2. Jesus knew that when people did not have truth fixed, concreted in the soul, then Satan would cause great confusion, and these magnificent Biblical subjects would be diminished and obscured.
3. This has certainly happened with the Biblical subject of the *“Blood of Christ.”*

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4. Satan desires to throw a dark blanket of confusion and frustration over the minds of individuals relative to the total work of Jesus Christ on our behalf.
5. What Jesus Christ has done for us in grace is blasphemed by the works, efforts, and legalism of people today.
6. Satan always desires to diminish Christ's Work, and to magnify man's works.
7. Satan has been so successful in obscuring the importance of our Lord's Spiritual Death, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree." [1 Pet.2:24](#)
8. [John 19:34, 35](#) provide the proof that He possessed a true body, contrary to Gnosticism (John heard many of the docetic Gnostics talking about the blood with its mystic meanings). John is pointing out that Christ did not bleed to death, like the animal sacrifices of the Levitical offerings. Instead of slumping down or leaning to one side, the Lord, when he was dying, pushed his body forward on the Cross, a position which would be expedient for a clear demonstration of His humanity, and that His true humanity did not bleed to death.
9. There definitely was some external bleeding (crown of thorns, nails in hands and feet); but had he died bleeding to death at the hands of a cruel mob, it would have falsely indicated that He had no volition, no choice in the matter. [John 10:18](#) – *"No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself; I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father"*.  
[Luke 23:46](#); [Mark 15:37](#); [Matt. 27:50](#)