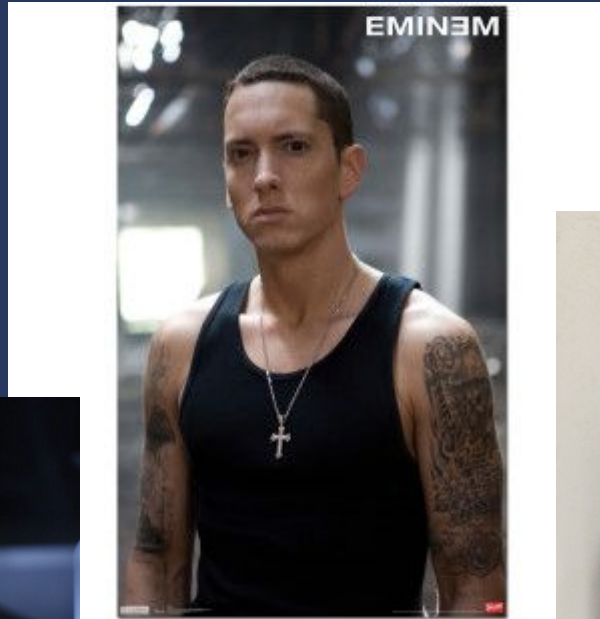




Why Did Jesus Die?



Justin Bieber



The Weeknd



Rihanna

**Why is the cross
so important?**



“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

John 15:13



**“The Son of God loved ME and gave
Himself up FOR ME.”**

Galatians 2:20



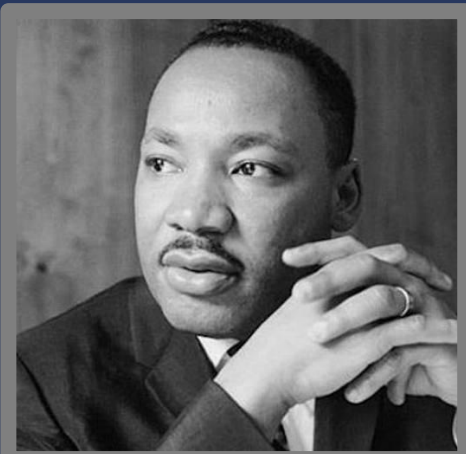
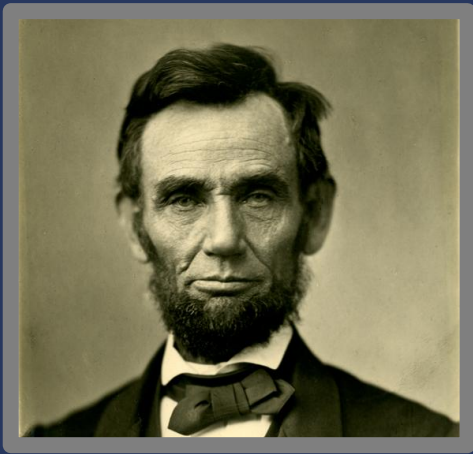
Why the cross?



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Romans 3:23





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Pollution



“But what comes out of you, that is what makes you unclean...evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they make you unclean.”

Mark 7:20



Power



“For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want.”

Romans 7:19

“Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits a sin is a slave of sin.”

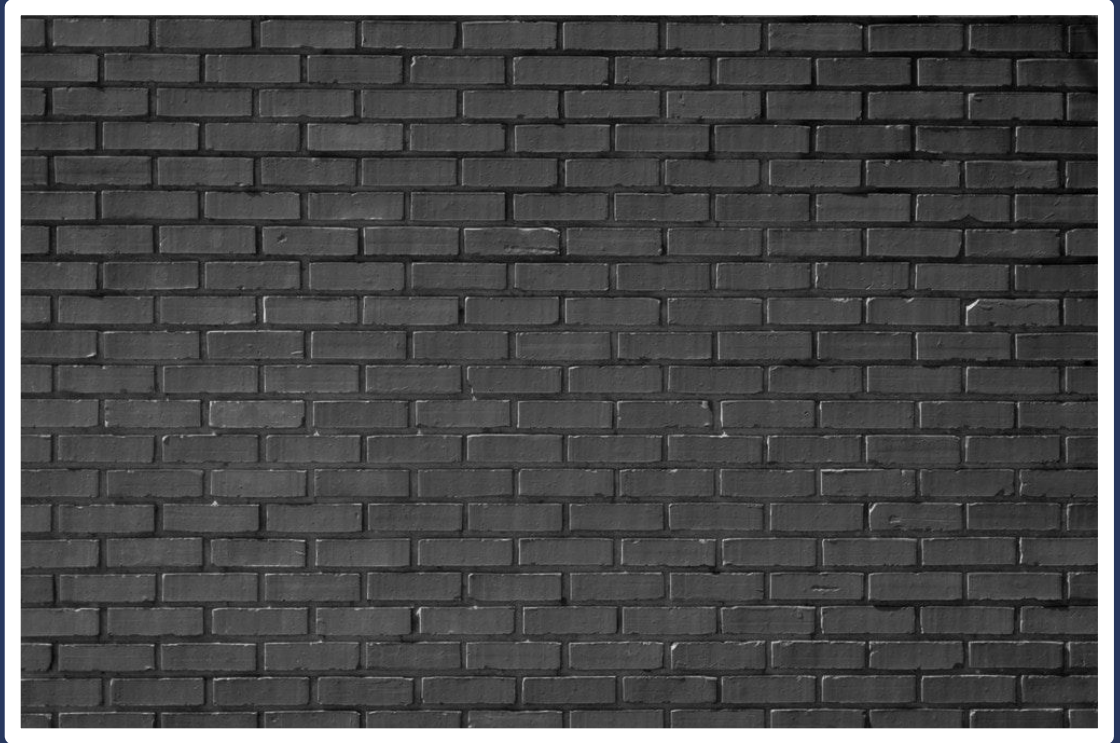
John 8:34



PARTITION

“For the wages
of sin is death”

Romans 6:23



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1 Peter 2:24

The sufferer's veins were laid bare, and the very muscles, sinews and bowels of the victim were opened to exposure. He was then taken to the Praetorium, where a crown of thorns was thrust on his head. He was forced to carry a heavy crossbar on his bleeding shoulders until he collapsed.

When they reached the site of crucifixion he was again stripped naked. He was laid on the cross and six-inch nails were driven into his forearms just above the wrists. His knees were then twisted sideways so that the ankles could be nailed between the tibia and the Achilles tendon. He was lifted up on the cross, which was then dropped into a socket in the ground. There he was left to hang in intense heat and unbearable thirst, exposed to the ridicule of the crowd. He hung there, in unthinkable pain, for six hours while his life slowly drained away. It was the height of pain and depth of shame.'

Eusebius



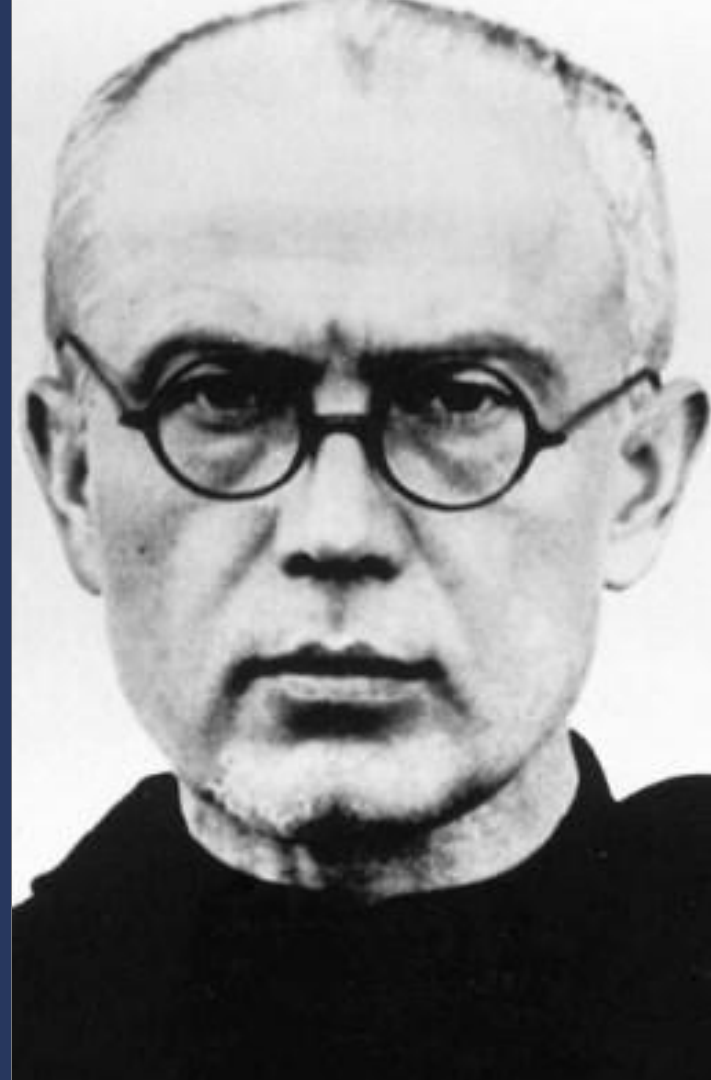
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St. Maximilian Kolbe



Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us: "The Son of God. . . loved me and gave himself for me."

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TO CLEANSE THE POLLUTION

**The blood of Jesus washes us
from all sin**

1 John 1:8



TO OVERCOME THE POWER OF SIN

**“If the Son sets you free you
will be free indeed.”**

John 8:36



HE REMOVES THE PARTITION

God was reconciling the world to
Himself in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:19









For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life



John 3:16

No. "All" Rom. 3:23

Date Now 2 Cor. 6:2

THE BANK OF HEAVEN

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF Whosoever Believeth (John 3:16) \$ Rom 6: 23

THE SUM OF Eternal Life

FOR Sin (Paid in full) Rom. 5:8 John 1:12

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST





Group Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you from the talk?
2. Have you ever experienced that sin separates us from God and from others? How? Would you agree with the statement that sin enslaves us? Why or why not?
3. St Paul said, “the Son of God loved me...”, have you ever experienced the love of God in a personal way?
4. If time permits, share a story of victory over something that enslaved you. (yes, it’s a more personal question)

