



Who is Jesus Christ?

Why did Jesus have to suffer and die?

Hebrews 1-2

- Chapter 1: God's final word has come in His Son, who is exalted as the heir of all things (much greater than the angels!)
- Chapter 2: This Son has come to be exalted as the heir and author of salvation by His incarnation and sufferings

Hebrews 1-2

"But we do see the one who was made a little lower than the angels, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone." (Hebrews 2:9)

¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. ¹¹ For indeed both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, ¹² saying,

"I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN,
IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING
YOUR PRAISE."

¹³ And again,

"I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM."

And again,

"BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS
GIVEN ME" (Hebrews 2:10-13)

Why the Sufferings of the Son?

- It was fitting for God to do this!
 - the Son's sufferings were appropriate to the character and purpose of God
 - the Son's sufferings are central to God's purpose and destiny for all things

Why the Sufferings of the Son?

1. The means to perfect the pioneer of salvation
 - His sufferings/death qualified or consecrated Him as the all-sufficient Savior (cf. 5:8-10)
 - “pioneer” – one who opens a path enabling others to follow (path to “glory”)

Why the Sufferings of the Son?

2. The means to bring many sons to glory
 - God’s purpose is to bring His children to future glory – life in His very presence
 - He brings His children to glory through the leader/pioneer of their salvation

Why the Sufferings of the Son?

3. The means to fully identify with God’s children
 - He shares a common humanity with us; we are all from one Father (family relationship)
 - He is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters

Why the Sufferings of the Son?

- The Son testifies...
 - Psalm 22:22 – affirms His brotherhood with God’s people at His exaltation
 - Isaiah 8:17 – responds with trusting obedience to the Father’s purpose
 - Isaiah 8:18 – presents God’s children to Him in glory at His exaltation