



THE ORCHARD

Series: Exploring Christianity: The Foundations of Our Faith

Title: Why Did Jesus Have to Die and Rise to Life?

Passage: Romans 3:21-31

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Outline:

1. God has revealed a righteousness you could never produce.
2. God has made available his righteousness to all without distinction.
3. God has provided Jesus as the only way to his righteousness.

Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from this week's sermon, and why?
2. The sermon says righteousness here refers to our "status" before God, not our performance. How does that distinction change the way you view your relationship with God?
3. What does it mean to you personally that God's plan to give righteousness through Christ was not "Plan B," but his plan from the beginning? How might that bring security or confidence to your faith?
4. Romans 3 says there is "no distinction" — all have sinned and all who believe can be justified. Why do some people still feel unqualified to come to God? Have you ever felt that way?
5. God's wrath was described not as rage, but as his holy hatred of evil and his commitment to justice. How does understanding wrath this way change how you view the cross?
6. Why are people so quick to judge others? How should justification by faith change the way we treat others? How does this help us to show grace.
7. If you truly believed you are "righteous in Christ" right now, not almost righteous, how would that affect: The way you fight sin? The way you treat others? The way you approach God in prayer?
8. Do you have any other comments or questions regarding this passage?