



Thinking Like a Christian January-March 2021 Zooming in on the Cross
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4. What happened to us at the Cross

1. Jesus' cross and us

Where was Jesus on Easter Saturday?

Luke 23:43,53

'He descended to the dead'

His sufferings were completed on the cross. His humiliation continued until his resurrection.

Matthew 26:26-29

We – the church – are the *body* of Christ

Jesus' body was broken, blood poured out, for us. His death and resurrection are *our* death and resurrection

Romans 6:3-11	What does Jesus' death and resurrection mean for us <i>in the future</i> ?
	What does Jesus' death and resurrection mean for us <i>now</i> ?

Romans 8:10-11	Are we alive? Or dead?
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He represented us that day. He took us to the cross. He died as our head, our representative. His sufferings are our sufferings. Our sin, guilt, shame, judgment; our sinful bodies too, were taken by him to the cross and the grave. He bore the sins of many.

Jesus died *as the head of the church*.

Therefore

a) We will die and rise with Christ

Romans 4:22-5:1; 5:9

Romans 8:31-34

Our bodies will die and be buried, our souls will go to be with Christ. At Christ's return God will raise our bodies as he raised Christ's.

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

For Jesus' body, this is *certain!* Justification is God declaring the verdict of the final judgment *now*.

b) We have already died and risen with Christ

Romans 6:6; 2 Corinthians 4:16; 5:17

Already we have been raised to new life on the inside.

The old me has already died; already I live a new life by the power of the Spirit.

Romans 6:12-13 Therefore live as people set free from sin.

I'm so ashamed of what I've done. I'll never be able to forgive myself.

I know I shouldn't do any more, but I'm sure God understands. He's all-forgiving, anyway.

I know I shouldn't do any more, but it's just part of who I am and I can't change it now.

I try hard to do what God wants, but honestly I don't think I've done enough to escape God's judgment.

I'm looking forward to dying and going to be with God in heaven for ever.