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Jesus' life and teachings are critical to Christianity, but they are incomplete without his death and resurrection. Jesus told his disciples on numerous occasions that he must suffer and die. Peter and the other apostles had a hard time believing this truth, but Jesus assured them that his death was not without purpose. In fact, God explained that the Christ would suffer, not for his sins, but for the sins of everyone so that they may be forgiven.

**Memory Verses:** Isa. 53:4–5; Matt. 16:21; 26:27–28

### Key Points

- Atonement is the process of reconciling God and humankind through Jesus Christ.
- Since humankind broke the relationship with God, he is the one who determines the terms and conditions.
- God strategically taught humankind throughout time the cost of atonement.
- Someone will pay for our sins, either us or Jesus.
- Atonement is needed after the first sin, offered at the death of Jesus, and received at the point of obedience.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does God require atonement?
2. How has God taught humankind throughout time the cost of atonement?
3. Why was it necessary for Jesus to atone for humanity's sins?

**CHAIN REFERENCE**

- Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-7
- Isaiah 59:1-2
- Romans 6:23 (Romans 4:4-5)
- Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- John 1:29
- Hebrews 10:8-18
- Galatians 3:13
- 1 Peter 2:21-25
- Ephesians 1:7
- Acts 4:8-12





