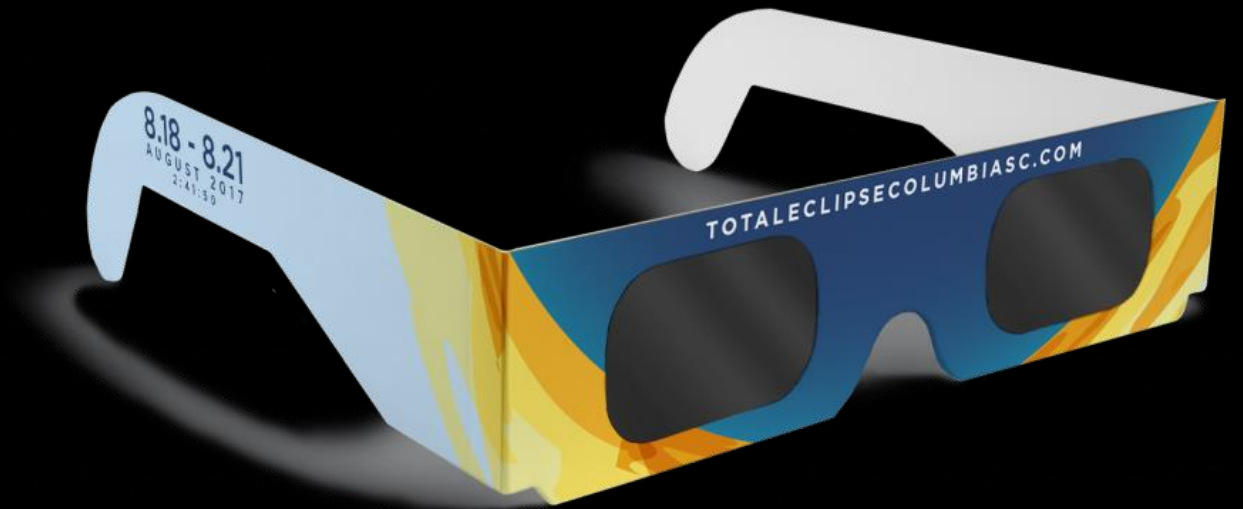




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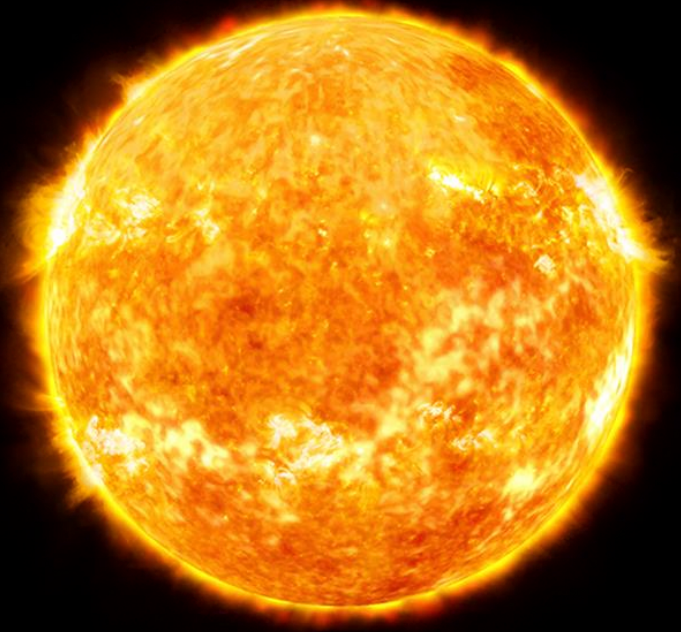
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38 ESSENTIAL PASSAGES IN UNDERSTANDING GOD'S STORY, THEIR STORY, & YOUR STORY.



“It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, *for the sun stopped shining.*”

Luke 23:44



Why did Jesus have to Die?

“The crucifixion of Jesus is among the most historically certain and theologically pregnant events in the life of Jesus.”

-Joel Green



Why did Jesus have to Die?

and

What difference does it make?

Matthew helps us know not only *what* happened with the events of Christ's crucifixion, but helps us interpret *why* the events happened.

Jesus Died....

to end my spiritual slavery and
restore my true identity!





“Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they **may worship me.**”

Ex. 8:1

**Worship is not an activity.
It is my identity.**

Jesus Died....

to give me true security!

“When Jesus wanted to explain the full effect of his death he didn’t give his followers theory, or even scriptures, he gave them a meal.”

N.T. Wright



“When the sun had set and **darkness** had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram.”

“as far as the east is from the west, so far
has he removed our transgressions (sins)
from us.”

Ps. 103:12

Jesus Died....

so I can trust God's Sovereignty!

“Yes, the crucifixion of Jesus was scandalous in nature, but the Gospel’s demonstrate that Christ died **according to the Scriptures.**”

N.T. Wright

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

Isa 53:5

For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. Ps 22:16

“No plan of God’s can be thwarted; when He acts, no one can reverse it, nor can hold back his hands or bring him to account for his actions because he is perfect in love and infinite in wisdom.”

Jerry Bridges

Jesus Died....

for me to be free of sin's
penalty!



“Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” Isa. 1:18

“Jesus announced God’s imminent judgement on a rebel people. He then goes ahead of his people to take precisely that judgment literally and physically upon himself.”

N.T. Wright

Jesus Died....

to defeat my true enemy!



“The tempter came to him and said, ‘*If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.*’”

Matt. 4:3

“Jesus’ death constitutes victory, God’s victory, over this world’s ‘ruler’ who seems to be not Caesar, but the power that stands *behind* Caesar and uses him and Rome for its dark, destructive purposes.”

N.T. Wright

“Do not be afraid...I am the living one;
I was dead, but now I am alive for ever!
And I hold the keys of death and
Hades.”

Rev. 1:18

Jesus Died....

to restore my lost intimacy!

(...with God)



“It was this last curtain that was ripped **by the Father** when our Lord Jesus gave up his life. Thus, the sacred writers explain that tearing of the curtain has now made a way for every living worshiper of God **to come** by a new and living way straight into the presence of God.”

-A.W. Tozer



*What difference do you
need the cross to make
in your life?*