

the  Venues
Go Deep
“The Sign Of The Cross”
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When the word “logo” is mentioned, which company logo pops into your mind?

Logos are important ways to communicate a company’s message.

If the cross is a logo for Christianity, what is the message that it communicates?

How has the cross been used to send a negative message?

1. Why did Jesus die?

What do you think? How would you answer the question?

Don’t worry about having the right answer. This book shows that not everyone agrees:

[The Nature of the Atonement: Four Views](#)

Sunday’s teaching talked about three views:

1. Substitutionary Atonement. God is mad and demands that someone pay for sin. Jesus steps in and becomes the payment. The sacrifice. Our substitute. God’s anger is taken out on Him. Check out 2 Corinthians 5:21

2. Christus Victor. Jesus beats the powers of darkness. Check out Colossians 2:15

3. Moral Influence. The cross is not a picture of payment but of forgiveness. The world threw hate, prejudice, judgment, violence, anger at Jesus. He responded with forgiveness. Check out 1 John 3:16

Which view is most helpful to you?

2. What does Jesus’ death show us about God?

What view of God is presented in each of the above three theories?

I (Phillip) grew up with the “Substitutionary Atonement” view. From this view I saw God as angry at sin and at me and that Jesus saved me from God. That God can’t stand to be in the presence of sin.

How do these verses affect that view? John 1:18, Hebrews 1:1-3; Luke 7:34; Luke 15:1-2

What view of God do we get from Jesus?

3. What difference does Jesus’ death make?

How does Jesus’ death make a difference in your life?

What does Jesus’ death mean to you?