

# What Was the Perspective of God the Father on Jesus?

Services: Sunday, April 16 at 7:00 & 10:45

Church Year: The Resurrection of Our Lord – 2017

No Monday Service on April 17; Mondays Resume on April 24 at 7 PM

**Introduction**: Dear friends in Jesus Christ: He is risen...

During the season of Lent we focused on many people –  
 ♦ Caiaphas, ♦ Pilate, ♦ Barabbas, ♦ the soldiers, ♦ the two criminals, ♦ Judas, and ♦ the centurion; we considered each of *THEIR PERSPECTIVES on Jesus*. Today, we consider the perspective of GOD THE FATHER on Jesus!

1. **The Father Promised Him**: <sup>ESV</sup> **Genesis 3:15** [The Father said to the serpent / devil / Satan (Rev. 12:9)] **“I will put enmity [active opposition] between you and the woman, and between your offspring [all who reject God’s love] and her offspring [“all the descendants of Eve, but most significantly to Christ as the Second Adam” (TLSB, 20)]; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”** // Since Adam and Eve disobeyed – *and could not fix it*, God promised to take action through *a future descendant of the woman* – **through the Christ**, to bruise the serpent’s head – *thus to crush his head and win the victory over sin, death, and the devil!* As sinners, we are all losers; *but we win through Jesus!*
2. **The Father-Commanded Lambs Pointed to Him**: <sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 12:1-14** [About 1400 years before Jesus was

born **and** at a time when God promised that every firstborn in the land of Egypt would die] **“The LORD said to Moses and Aaron... ‘Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb... Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. ...you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.... ...It is the LORD’s Passover.... ...And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you...”** // Jesus is the Father’s *only begotten Son*; He is also the Father’s *perfect male Lamb*; then, at twilight on Good Friday, *Jesus laid down His life!* The Bible says that **“...the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin”** (1 John 1:7 NAS). Therefore, *since we have been washed clean through Holy Baptism*, the Father will not destroy us *but welcome us into paradise!*

3. **The Father Announced Him:** Both at *His baptism* and at *His transfiguration*: <sup>ESV</sup> **Matthew 17:5** **“...and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’”** // Jesus is the Second Adam; since the first Adam fell, God sent His Son to succeed – *and He did*, He lived without sin for us; then died for us! Now, let us ever listen / take heed to our Lord Jesus Christ!
4. **The Father Spoke through Him:** <sup>ESV</sup> **John 12:49** [Jesus said:] **“...I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a**

**commandment--what to say and what to speak.” //**

God is one and yet three Persons – *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!* The Father planned our rescue; then He sent His Son **▶**to say His words and **▶**to do the extremely hard work to remove our sins! Then the Holy Spirit was sent to ✓convict us of our sins, ✓enable us to believe, and ✓live within us!

5. **The Father Worked through Him:** <sup>ESV</sup> Acts 2:22 [Peter gave this description of Jesus; He was] **“...a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him...” //** Jesus did mighty miracles – *like raising Lazarus from the dead, wonders – that thoroughly amazed the people; and signs – which showed a crystal clear connection between Jesus and God the Father in heaven!* Even though many refuse to acknowledge the connection between the Father and Jesus, **▶***it is indisputable and ▶calls for us to repent and believe!*
  
6. **The Father Heard Him:** From His cross Jesus spoke to the Father twice; He said: <sup>ESV</sup> Luke 23:34 ... **“Father, forgive [the Romans soldiers who just crucified Me], for they know not what they do”** and, *as Jesus laid down His life,* He said: <sup>ESV</sup> Luke 23:46 ... **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” //** Those are the **first** and **last** things Jesus said from His cross; in between He **➡**showed care for His mother, **➡**forgave the repentant criminal, **➡**received our sins, **➡**was separated from the Father, **➡**received our eternal punishment, **➡**fulfilled the Scriptures, and **➡**declared His full payment for our sins – *so that we, through Him, can freely enter into heaven!*

7. **The Father Raised Him:** Peter preached these words on the Day of Pentecost, *fifty days after Jesus was raised to life:* <sup>ESV</sup> **Acts 2:23-24** “...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the [agony] of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.” // The first Adam ☹️sinned, ☹️died, and ☹️is still dead; but the Second Adam – *our Lord Jesus Christ* – 😊did not sin, 😊laid down His life in obedience to the Father’s plan, and 😊had His work fully accepted by the Father *as He raised Him from the dead!*

**Conclusion:** Therefore, we know many things are true:

1. Creation – *The Father made everything thru Jesus!*
2. Sin – *All have sinned and earned eternal punishment!*
3. Promise – *Since God’s love for us is greater than our sin, He promised to take action to rescue us!*
4. The Scriptures – *They are perfectly true and reliable!*
5. Jesus – *His finished work opened heaven for everyone!*
6. Hell – *All who reject Jesus choose eternal punishment!*
7. Heaven – *All who believe in Jesus will live forever!*

Let us pray: **Dear Father**, we glorify You for Your blessed plan to save us; **dear Jesus**, we thank You for Your gut-wrenching work to remove our sins; and, **dear Holy Spirit**, we acknowledge Your important work to make us sorry, give us faith, show us what the Bible means, and so much more!