



WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS Pat McCalla | 12.04.2021

"There is no Christianity without the cross." - John Bunyan

FALSE EXPLANATIONS

- 1. JESUS DIED BY ACCIDENT.**
- 2. JESUS DIED AS A MARTYR.**
- 3. JESUS DIED TO APPEASE AN ANGRY GOD.**

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

1. ATONEMENT

ROMANS 3:24-25 (NLT)

²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,

2. RANSOM

MARK 10:45 (NLT)

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

3. REVELATION

ROMANS 5:8 (NLT)

⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

4. VICTORY

COLOSSIANS 2:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

5. RELATIONSHIP

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18 (NLT)

¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him