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I. Why was Jesus executed?

- A. Jewish _____ (Isaiah 61:1-7, Luke 4:16-30)
- B. _____ Authorities (Mark 3:1-6)
- C. _____ Authorities (Luke 13:31-33, Mark 1:14-15, 43-45)

II. God's Plan

- A. The Devil (Genesis 3, Colossians 2:13-15, Romans 8:31-39)
- B. Sin (Isaiah 13:11, Romans 6:23)
- C. Death (John 11:25-26, 1 Corinthians 15:25-26, Isaiah 25)
- D. The crucifixion

III. Easter Weekend (Mark 16:1-8, John 21:1-14)

A. Why is the resurrection of Jesus the most important part of the whole story? (1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-19)

- B. How do you, personally know Jesus is alive today?
 - 1. People saw him (1 Cor. 15:20, Acts 9)
 - 2. No body (Matthew 27:62-66)
 - 3. Secular historical evidence (Acts 1:14, John 20:28)
 - 4. Eye-witnesses were tortured to death
 - 5. Personally . . .

Even when I most despaired of a hopeful future for African Americans in this country... the fundamental question was whether or not the Christian story was true. I believed that the tomb was empty on the third day. White supremacy, even when practiced by Christians, cannot overcome the fact or the resurrection.

– Dr. Esau McCaulley

Homework: (1) Read Mark 11–12 (2) Outreach Project in your DGroups (3) Start your new book! <u>The</u> <u>Master Plan Of Evangelism</u>