

# **“What Really Happened at the Cross?”**

We think about the cross each Sunday as we participate in the **Lord’s Supper**.

In talking about the events on the cross, we delve into the realm of **metaphysical**.

**Metaphysics** deals with existence, being, purpose, relation, causality, **space**, and **time**.

Biblical examples of things that are in the category of metaphysics.  
Creation **ex nihilo**.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, **one** yet **three**.

Miracles like the crossing of the **Red Sea**.

In all things metaphysical we can say, “We don’t **understand** it. We can’t **explain** it. But – we **believe** it because the **Bible** teaches it.

With **God** all things are **possible**.” Matthew 19:26

Our Scripture text: “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”  
2 Corinthians 5:21

On the cross **Jesus** became **sin** itself.

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The apostle was a very **precise** writer. He was not **careless** in his choice of words.

In 2 Corinthians 5:21, Paul did not write **sin** when he actually meant **sinner**.

What is the significance of that distinction?

God loves the \_\_\_\_\_, but He hates the \_\_\_\_\_.

On the cross Jesus became what His Father **hated**.

Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane. "Father, if you are **willing**, take this **cup** from me."

Jesus anguish in Gethsemane was so intense that **drops of blood** oozed from His **pores**.

Do you think Jesus would have had such intense anguish over physical death?

"*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani*. My **God**, my **God**, what have you **forsaken** me?" Matthew 27:46

On the cross, Jesus quoted a Psalm. What was that Psalm? Why do you think He didn't quote Psalm 23?

God turned **away** from His Son for a moment in time, and that moment Jesus experienced **hell** for us.

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This was the true price of our redemption!

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

God turned Jesus into sin so that He could turn us into His own righteousness.

God made us right with him.

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