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Why did Jesus have to die?

39 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads **40** and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, **save yourself!** If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

Matthew 27:39–40



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⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² **“He saved others; he cannot save himself.** He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

Matthew 27:41–42



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⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:45–46



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

...for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God,

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were **by nature children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:3

...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For by grace you have been saved
through faith. And this is not your own
doing; it is the gift of God, not a result
of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9



Why is Jesus' bodily resurrection so important?

⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for **he has risen, as he said**. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to **Galilee**; there you will see him. See, I have told you."

Matthew 28:5–7



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¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ...¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:14 & 17

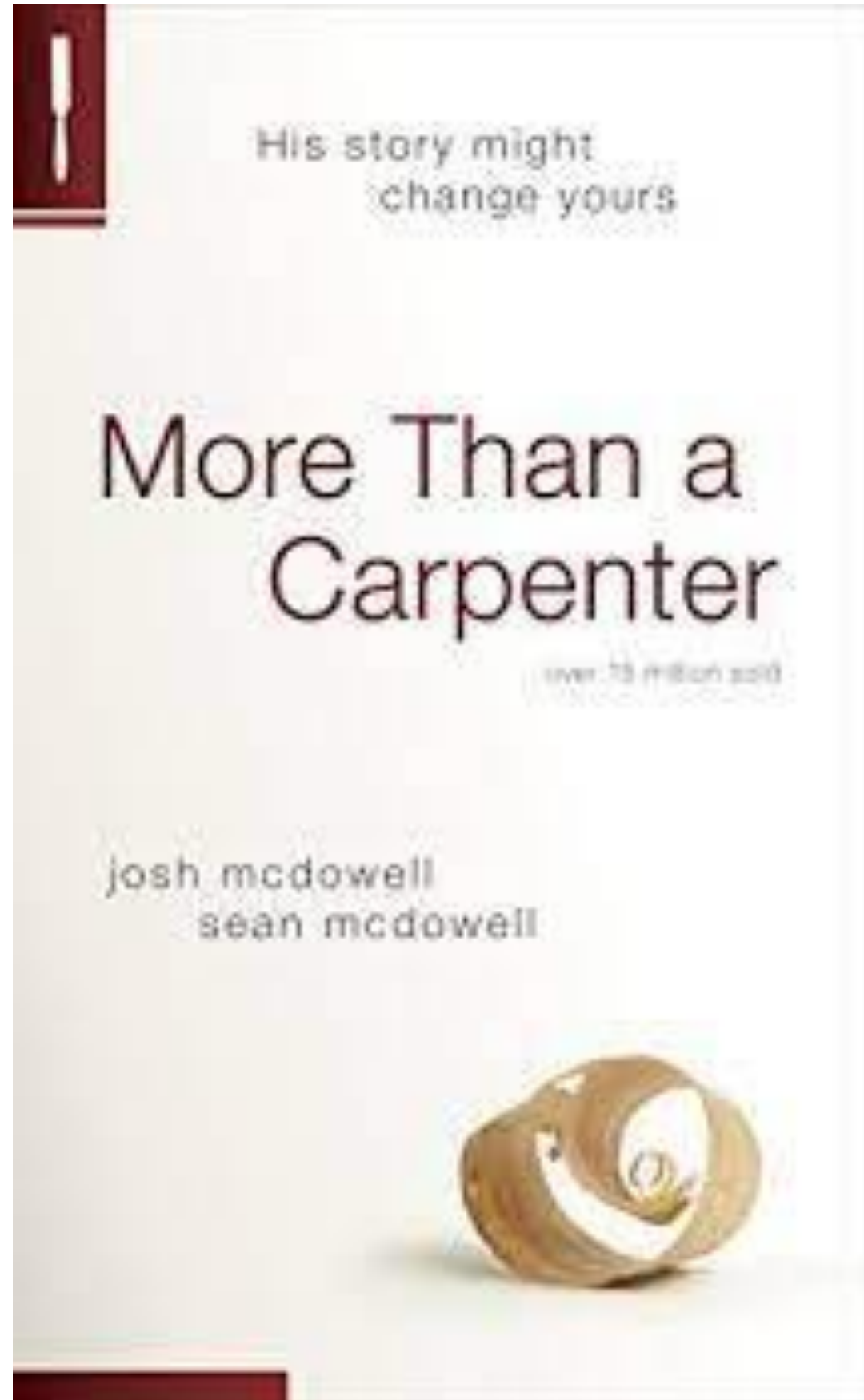


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How do we Echo it?

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

Matthew 28:16–17



“Doubt is not synonymous with unbelief. Doubt involves uncertainty, a wavering, a hesitation, a questioning..unbelief is a refusal to believe.”

C.J. Mahaney

“Unbelief is the decision to live life as if there is no God. It is the deliberate decision to reject Jesus Christ and all that He stands for. But doubt is something quite different. Doubt arises within the context of faith. It is a wistful longing to be sure of the things in which we trust...

Faith isn't a byproduct of absolutely certain knowledge. Faith is about being willing to live through trust in the existence and promise of God, knowing that one day his existence and those promises will be totally vindicated."

Allister McGrath

How do we Echo it?

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:18–20



A disciple is one who responds in faith and obedience to the gracious call to follow Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a lifelong process of dying to self while allowing Jesus Christ to come alive in us.

Greg Ogden

Discipling is an intentional relationship in which we walk alongside other disciples in order to encourage, equip and challenge one another in love to grow toward maturity in Christ. This includes equipping the disciple to make disciples who make disciples.

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Discipleship is one believer helping another person take their next steps with Jesus Christ.

Adapted from Ford Madison

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