

**FIFTY REASONS FOR THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST**  
**A Sermon Series for Easter Week, Message 5**  
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***INTRODUCTION:***

***PROPOSITION:*** Today we shall consider the final ten of fifty reasons for the Passion of the Christ.

***41. TO SECURE OUR RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.***

- A. The keys of death were hung on the inside of Christ's tomb.
- B. Rom. 6:5; 8:11; 2 Tim. 2:11.

***42. TO DISARM THE RULERS AND AUTHORITIES.***

- A. Greater is He Who is in us than he who is in the world.
- B. Col. 2:14, 5; 1 John 3:8.

***43. TO UNLEASH THE POWER OF GOD IN THE GOSPEL.***

- A. The gospel is "good news"; it's news before it's theology!
- B. 1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 1:16.

***44. TO DESTROY THE HOSTILITY BETWEEN RACES.***

- A. Christ died to create a whole new way for races to be reconciled.
- B. Eph. 2:14-16.

***45. TO RANSOM PEOPLE FROM EVERY TRIBE AND NATION AND PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE.***

A. Sin is no respecter of culture, and neither is salvation!

B. Rev. 5:9.

**46. TO GATHER ALL HIS SHEEP FROM AROUND THE WORLD.**

A. There are children of God scattered abroad!

B. John 11:51, 52; John 10:16.

**47. TO RESCUE US FROM FINAL JUDGMENT.**

A. Salvation is past, present, and future!

B. Heb. 9:28.

**48. TO GAIN HIS JOY AND OURS.**

A. The path that leads to joy is a hard road.

B. Heb. 12:2.

**49. SO THAT HE WOULD BE CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR.**

A. If we are to be as happy as we can be, we must see and savor Jesus Christ.

B. Heb. 2:9; Phil. 2:7-9; Rev. 5:12.

**50. TO SHOW THAT THE WORST EVIL IS MEANT BY GOD FOR GOOD.**

A. The most profound thing we say about suffering and evil is that, in Jesus Christ, God entered into it and turned it for good.

B. Acts 4:27, 28

**APPLICATION:** What do these reasons for the Passion mean to you?

1. When it comes to race, are you “color blind,” like Jesus?
2. Has your suffering made you better or bitter?
3. Is Jesus really first in your life, or do you just say that?
4. How have you been “crucified with Christ”?
5. How is His resurrection evident in your own life?