

Jesus Christ is not killed because his plan went bad

But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; ...
as a guilt offering,...for his good pleasure. Isaiah 53:10

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our
iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by
his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

“Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says:
My appointed time is near. Matthew 26:18

One of the greatest providential workings of God ever; was the death of His own Son.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ
died for us. Romans 5:8

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the
death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be
saved by his life. Romans 5:10

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The Cross of Christ; God's Good Plan.

God's Supernatural Direction:

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and
foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death
by nailing him to the cross. Acts 2:23

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the
people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus,
whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided
beforehand should happen. Acts 4:27,28

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to
give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

The cross is the apex of human redemption

The single atonement for sin.

The satisfaction of divine justice

The necessary object of saving faith

The only hope of the world for eternal life.

The cross is specifically prophesied in detail in Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, and
Zechariah 12, even down to the very things that happened to Jesus
and the very words he said.

In Mark's gospel there are four references he made specifically to
being arrested in Jerusalem, being mistreated, being killed, and rising
the third day. Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:33, and in parable 12:7.

God's Amazing Timetable for Jesus Death

Jesus ate the Passover on Thursday night.
Jesus arrested very early in the morning on Friday.
Jesus tried in the early morning.
Jesus sentenced and scourged in the morning.
Jesus crucified by nine o'clock in the morning.
Jesus dies by three o'clock in the afternoon.
Jesus placed in the grave before six o'clock in the evening.
Jesus set to rise Sunday, having been in the grave for parts of three days.

Jesus said himself in John 10:17,18

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

God uses other's free will to accomplish his will.

The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!”
Luke 22:22

i.e., it had been predicted that he would be betrayed by one of his own, and this was being fulfilled. But, and this is important to notice, Jesus also said, "Woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed!" (Matthew 26:24 as well)

New Testament writers proclaim this truth, Jesus is our Passover lamb.

Philip: ... “He was led as a **sheep to slaughter;**” Acts 8:32

Paul: “For **Christ our Passover** also has been sacrificed.”

1 Corinthians 5:7b

Peter: “...you were redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ, a **lamb without blemish** or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. “

1 Peter 1:18-20

John: “**Worthy is the Lamb**, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Revelation 5:12

HE WAS PUNISHED FOR SINS HE DIDN'T DO.

He suffered as if he were guilty and simultaneously it was the most evil act in history ever perpetrated by evil men, and yet the most loving act ever perpetrated by God.

The crucifixion of Jesus was the greatest act of divine justice.

Even though God killed him for sins he didn't commit, he killed him for sins we did commit.

If you don't understand the cross this way you can't be a Christian.

This is the price Jesus had to pay for his “chosen” to all who have repented and believed His message.