MESSIANIC MILESTONES

THE DEATH OF THE MESSIAH

I. WHO DIED?

A. Hebrews 12:2

He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. What we must believe originated and concludes with Him.

B. Hebrews 5:8-9

He is the Author of eternal salvation.

C. John 6:48-51

He is the Bread of Life. All spiritual nourishment is in Him.

D. Hebrews 2:10

He is the Captain of our salvation, occupying a strong position of rank, leading His troops to salvation.

E. 1st Peter 2:4-8

He is the Chief Cornerstone, that particular part of the foundation upon which the rest is made straight and square. Everything relies on Him.

F. Acts 3:14-15; 7:52

He is the Holy One and the Just and the Prince of Life. Although He endured the worst suffering, of all who ever lived He is least deserving of punishment.

G. Matthew 27:11, 37

He is the King of the Jews, deserving a scepter, crown, and throne.

H. 1st Peter 1:18-19

He is the unblemished Lamb, the ultimate sacrifice for sinful man.

I. Acts 10:36-39

He is Lord of all. None are exempt from His authority.

J. 1st Corinthians 2:7-8

He is the Lord of glory.

K. Isaiah 53:3

He is a Man of Sorrows.

L. Hebrews 9:15-22

He is the Mediator of the New Covenant. We are under a different testament only because He died.

M. 1st Timothy 2:5-6

He is the one Mediator between God and men because only He is both God and Man.

N. 1st Corinthians 5:7

He is our Passover. Like the lambs of the former covenant, He was killed to spare us from death.

O. Acts 5:30-31

He is Prince and Savior.

P. 1st Peter 2:21-25

He is the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls, the one who protects.

Q. John 10:11

He is the Good Shepherd.

R. Mark 15:37-39

He is the Son of God.

S. Colossians 1:13-14

He is the Son of God's love.

T. Matthew 20:18-19

He is the Son of Man. His humanity matters.

U. Mark 14:61-62

He is the Son of the Blessed.

V. Revelation 19:11-13

He is the Word of God.

II. WHEN DID HE DIE?

A. Luke 3:1-2

The imperial reign of Tiberius Caesar, the governorship of Pontius Pilate, the tetrarchies of Herod and his brother Philip, and the co-high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas at the beginning of John's ministry, combined with other information, indicate Jesus probably died in either AD 30 or 33.

B. Luke 3:23; John 2:13; 6:4; 11:55

Jesus was about 33 years old when He died. We know this because He began His ministry at the age of 30 or so, and then celebrated Passover, an annual event, three times before He died.

C. John 19:14, 31

It was on a Friday, the day preceding the Sabbath, which was the seventh day of the week.

D. Luke 23:44-46

It was the ninth hour of the day, corresponding to about three o'clock in the afternoon as we reckon time now.

E. Romans 5:6

What really matters is that the time was exactly when God intended.

III. WHERE DID HE DIE?

A. John 19:17-18; Matthew 27:33-35; Mark 15:22-24

In three books out of four, the location is identified as "Golgotha," which means "Place of a skull." Yet, few know it by this name today.

B. Luke 23:33

Luke alone records it as "Calvary," which means the same thing.

C. Hebrews 13:11-14

It was located outside the city walls. We need to be outsiders, like Jesus was.

IV. How DID HE DIE?

A. Psalm 22:16

His hands and feet were nailed to the cross.

B. John 19:1

Having previously been scourged, His back had been torn to ribbons and was rubbing against the cross the whole while.

C. John 19:2; Mark 15:19

He wore a crown of thorns, which had been beaten into His brow. Leaning his head back against the cross would have driven the thorns deeper into His scalp.

D. Mark 15:23

Having declined a sedative, He was totally sober, in full possession of His faculties, and therefore able to feel every bit of the agony.

E. Mark 15:24

He was naked.

F. Mark 15:25, 33, 37

He hung on the cross six hours.

V. WHY DID HE DIE?

A. Isaiah 53:4-5, 10

He died to bear our griefs, carry our sorrows, heal our wounds, and because it pleased Jehovah.

B. John 3:16

He died that we might not perish but have eternal life.

C. Romans 5:6-9

He died to justify us because God loves sinners.

D. Galatians 1:3-5

He died to deliver us from the present evil age.

E. Galatians 3:13

He died to become the curse of sin for us.

F. Ephesians 1:7

He died for the forgiveness of our sins.

G. Ephesians 2:11-16

He died to reconcile Jews and Gentiles.

H. Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 5:8

He died to obey.

I. Colossians 1:21-23

He died to make us holy, blameless, and above reproach.

J. Colossians 2:13-15

He died to wipe out the handwriting of requirements that was against us.

K. 1st Thessalonians 5:9-10

He died so that we would be with Him after death.

L. Hebrews 2:9

He died to taste death for everyone.

M. Hebrews 2:14-15

He died to destroy the power of death.

N. Hebrews 9:13-14

He died to purify our consciences.

O. Hebrews 9:15

He died to establish a New Covenant.

P. Hebrews 12:1-2

He died to gain joy.

Q. 1st Peter 1:10-12

He died to fulfill prophecy.

R. 1st Peter 2:24

He died that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

S. 1st Peter 3:18

He died to bring us to God.

T. Revelation 1:5

He died to wash us of our sins.

U. Revelation 5:9-10

He died to redeem souls from every tribe, language, people, and nation.