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Go Deep
Did God Kill Jesus?
Jesus: A New Hope
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Have you seen “The Other Side of Midnight”?
How about “Star Wars: A New Hope”?

In 1977, 20th Century Fox forced theatres to show “Star Wars” if they wanted to show “Midnight,” thinking that “Midnight” would be a bigger hit than “Star Wars,” and that this was the only way to get the theatres to show “Star Wars.” I guess they miscalculated that one.

How is “A New Hope” a metaphor for Jesus?

Let’s think of Jesus and the cross.

Read Matthew 1:21; John 1:29; Galatians 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:3

What is the message of these verses?

What does it mean that Jesus died for our sins?

Read Luke 7:48-49; Mark 2:5; Psalm 51:16-17

What do these verses say about the necessity of death in order to forgive sin?

Sin basically means to “miss the mark.”

What is the mark? What have we missed?

Read Romans 3:23 and 1 Corinthians 14:1

Maybe the mark is not failing to pass a moral test. Maybe the mark is reflecting the glory of God. Maybe we miss it when we fail to hit the target of love (1 John 4:4-8).

Read Genesis 1:26-28; Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10; Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 5:48

What do these verses tell us about who we are and what we are to do?

How does Jesus’ death show us the heart, the character of God?

How does Jesus’ death show us how we are to live?

How will you show this week that you are a reflection of God?