

Why did Jesus HAVE to resurrect from the dead?

In Genesis 3:21 the first animal was sacrificed for man's sin. While the Bible doesn't say exactly what this animal was (lamb? goat?) it died to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness.

In Genesis 22:13 we see God provided a ram (an adult male sheep) as a sacrifice instead of Isaac, **his only son** (Gen 22:2). The ram died so Isaac could live. Heb 11:17-19

In Leviticus chapter 4 God set up the rules for sacrifice for sin for the nation of Israel. A different animal was used depending on who sinned (an Israelite a young bull without blemish, the congregation a young bull, a ruler a male goat kid without blemish, a common person a female goat kid or lamb without blemish). It is very clear from Scripture these animals died. Why? Because the wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23 from Genesis 2:17 and Ezekiel 18:4. In order for the sin-debt owed to be satisfied something had to die. The animal took the death as a substitute so the sinner could live.

At the first Passover Ex 12:1-11 we see they had to take a male lamb or kid in it's first year, that was perfect and without blemish. This innocent lamb was sacrificed after it lived in the house with the family for 4 days and its blood was used to protect the family from the death angel who was going to come to kill the first born. Notice this was not a sacrifice for sin!

Jesus is God's **only begotten son** (John 3:16). Jesus was the sacrificial lamb (1 Cor 5:7). John the Baptist was the first to recognize Jesus as the lamb who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). When a lamb was sacrificed, the sin was covered (atoned, or paid for) and the lamb shed its blood (the life is in the blood Lev 17:11) and died.

Jesus's sacrifice was different in that, after He gave up His spirit and was buried, He rose again! Luke 24:5, Matt 28:6, 1 Cor 15:3-4

Why did Jesus have to resurrect from the dead?

1. To fulfill Scripture (Matt 16:21, Mark 8:31, Luke 9:22)
2. To prove His deity (Rom 1:4)
3. To have victory over sin and death (1 Thess 4:13-14, 2 Tim 1:10)
4. That He would not see corruption (Psalm 16:10, Acts 2:31)
5. To give us a living hope (1 Peter 1:3)
6. So He ever lives to make intercession for us (Rom 8:34)
7. He was the first fruits (1 Cor 15:20-23) as goes the First Fruits (Lev 23:9-11) so goes the rest
8. So we can be raised together with Him (Rom 6:5, Col 3:1)
9. To wash us from our sins (1 Cor 15:17-19, Rev 1:5, 1 John 1:9, Heb 7:26-27)

To conclude, Gal 2:20.