

## **God kept Satan from killing Jesus until Calvary, Satan then regretted it**

Satan who rules the world is a murderer – there are 450,000 murders a year worldwide

John 8:44 (Jesus to some religious Jews who wanted to kill Him) **You are of your father, AMP the devil, and his desires you want to do, He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him...**

John 10:10 **The thief (Satan) comes only to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that you may have life, and that you may have it more abundantly.**

Satan tried to have Jesus murdered at the time of His birth – but God protected Him

Matt 2:13 **...An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod (guided by Satan) will seek the young Child to destroy Him.**

15 **So that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." (Us too from spiritual Egypt).**

16 **Then Herod (guided by Satan)...put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under...**

At the start of Jesus' ministry Satan tried to murder Him again – but God protected Him

Luke 4:16-17 **Jesus came to Nazareth...He went into the synagogue...He was given the book of the prophet Isaiah....He found the place where it was written:**

18-19 **The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; and To preach the acceptable year of the LORD."**

25-27 **Then He said...many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah... but to none of them was Elijah sent except to a woman in Sidon (Lebanon)... And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian (implying Israel had turned away from God).**

28-29 **So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with rage, and...thrust Jesus out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill...in order that they (guided by Satan) could throw Him over the cliff.**

30 **Then passing through the midst of them, He (protected by God) went His way.**

But Jesus came to be sacrificially murdered for the sins of the whole world - to save us

Luke 9:22 **Jesus said "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."**

23-24 **"If anyone wants to come after Me, let them deny themselves, and take up**

**their cross daily, and follow Me (in dying to sin). Whoever wants to save their life (for self) will lose it, but whoever loses their life for My sake will save it”.**

The scriptures, as well as Jesus, foretold that He would be murdered at the appointed time

**Matt 26:47+...Judas one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. He went up to Jesus and...kissed Him...Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.**

**51-52 One of those with Jesus...drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.**

**53-54 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels (around 50,000)? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it (My going to the cross) must happen in this way?"**

Satan thought he'd won, but Jesus arose, if he had known he wouldn't have murdered Him

**Rom 6:10 For the death that Jesus died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Heb 2:9 ...Jesus tasted death for every person.**

**11 Likewise you also, believe yourselves to be dead in fact to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus...(many believe this and rise with Christ, to Satan's horror).**

**1 Cor 2:7-8 The wisdom we preach is God's secret wisdom, which is hidden, that God made for our benefit...None of the rulers of this world (Satan) knew this wisdom. If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

**9 -10 But, as the scripture says "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him." But we know these things because God has revealed them to us (our spirits) by His Spirit...**

**11 It is only a person's own spirit within them that knows all about them; in the same way, only God's Spirit knows all about God.** TEV

If we listen to God, love, trust and obey Him, like Jesus, Satan won't be able to touch us

**Prov 1:32-33 For the turning away (from God) of the unwise will kill them (spiritually), And the complacency of fools will destroy them (eternally); But whoever listens to Me (God) will live safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.** NKJV

**1 John 5:18 We know whoever is born of God (and currently lives as His child) does not sin, but the One Who was (first) begotten of God watches over and protects them, Christ's divine presence within them preserves them against evil, and the wicked one (Satan) cannot lay hold on or get a grip on them or touch them.**

**19 We know that we belong to God, and the whole world around us is under the power of the evil one (Satan – yet Christ died for them, so they don't have to be).** AMP