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THOUGH JESUS IS THE BELOVED SON OF GOD, WHY DID HE UNDERGO THE SUFFERINGS AND CRUCIFIXION ON THE CROSS? HE COULD EASILY HAVE ESCAPED ALL THE PAIN BEING THE SON OF GOD.

- TIARA THERES BIJU, 12 YEARS, UAE

ANS: Yes. He could have easily escaped all the pain. Let us look at it this way, God loved humanity. They made a deal where humans promised to love and obey God. But they failed in their promise. Now they have to pay the price for being disobedient. None among humanity was good and pure enough to pay the price for hurting God. For everybody sinned. So we needed a person who was holy and pure to undergo pain and suffering and be offered as a sacrifice to rectify our mistake. The only way was for the Son of God to become man and be that sacrifice. By allowing his beloved Son to be sacrificed shows the depth of love God has for us, for we will only sacrifice something precious only for someone whom we love dearly.

WHAT IF GOD DOES NOT EXIST?

- JOANN JACOB, 7 YEARS, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

ANS: The answer would be - What if God does exist? Albert Camus said, *'I would rather live my life believing there is a God and die to find out there isn't... than to live my life as if there isn't, and die to find out there is.'* Believing in God demands a lot from us and we often try to escape from this by denying the reality of God. Our mind can never fully understand God, but our heart can accept and experience God. We have enough examples and experiences in the world around us that point us to God and arguments that try to distract us. Science or philosophy (reason) to this day haven't been able to prove that God doesn't exist, all the more reason for us to make our choice ◦

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