“The Cause of Death”
1 Peter 3:13-18
Crime Investigation: Details of Death

“Cause of death”
How did this person die?
Accidental?
Natural? Homicide?
When did subject die?
Medical examiner assists:
Who? – identity?
Why? = (motive) police/law
Where did death occur?
Perpetrator = police + medical examiner + coroner

Marion Merck,
Coroner, Hall County
Jesus Died Once For All

Once – contrast to Jews multiple sacrifices
No matter the sin - how much, how long
thief on the cross to lily white raised in church
The Just for the unjust - He was without sin

A substitutionary death – He took my place

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).
A Gospel Parable @ The Beach!
The **Motive** in His Death???

“that He might **bring** us to God” vs. 18

By grace, He “brings” us to God!
  * people
  * circumstances
  * His Word

The cross **nullifies**:
  * **Christian snobbery** = (Isaiah 64:6)
    “I am what I am” (1 Corinthians 15:10)
  * **Works righteousness**
    “I thank you I’m not like others” (Luke 18:11)
His Loves Commissions Us As Pioneers With Purpose in Life!

In His commitment to His mission, Jesus suffered for the benefit of others (the world!)

Our purpose is living for the Lord and others, quite a different message than American dream!

Vs.
The Message: “I Love You!”

9 year in W. VA old takes his life because of bullies

25% students 12-18 report being bullied (BLS)

160,000 students a day stay home due to fear

* Satan “bullies” – you are authorized to stop it!

Jackson Wyatt Grubb
The Verdict? The Cross means...

Jesus is glorified (John 12:32) and He draws people to Himself!

Confirmation of His grace, cleansing power!

His invitation is for YOU, “come, follow Me!”

“Yes” to Jesus is “no” to ways of the world!

“Nail” your God-given purpose in life!