

It is hard to believe that a spike could hold God on a cross. After all, we are talking about God. We believe that God is all powerful and yet Jesus, who is the second person of God, could not overcome those spikes or nails in order to come down from the cross. You would have thought that the son of God could have done that.

The truth is that Jesus could have come down from the cross any time he wanted but he remained up there until his death because that would have been the only way in which humanity would have been saved. It was not the spikes that held Jesus up there, it was his love for us that did it.

Because of his love for each one of us, Jesus died on the cross. But what if Jesus didn't die on the cross? Imagine for a moment how people would have reacted if Jesus had just come down from the cross as those who were watching demanded. If he had, they might have believed that he was the Messiah, but how would that have affected our salvation. Jesus had to die for our sins so that we would not have to. So without his death and resurrection, we would be condemned to hell because of our sins.

It was his love for us that kept him on the cross. He wanted us to have the hope of eternal life so Jesus followed through with God's saving mission for all of humanity. But it is our sins that put him on the cross.

We are the reason that Jesus had to die on a cross. Our sinfulness; our rebellion against God cost him his life. As you came in today, you were given the opportunity to pick up a spike. That spike represents all of your sins that cost Jesus his life. You are just as guilty as I am because of our constant rebellion against God.

When we look at the cross, it was Jesus' love for us that kept him there. But it was our sins that put him there. At this time, you have the opportunity to come forward with your spike and nail it into the cross and then return to your pew.