

What the Bible says about suicide

Introduction

- What is suicide?
- Give some statistics about suicide.
- What is suffered by those left behind by suicide?

i What the Bible teaches about suicide

- Will you find the word “suicide” in the NIV?
- What does Genesis 1:26-27 teach about human beings?
- What does this mean about our value?
- What implication of this does Genesis 9:6 draw out.
- Jot down two passages where murder is forbidden.
- What types of killing do Christians typically oppose given the Bible’s teaching?
- What have some branches of the church asserted about suicide?
- Where did that teaching perhaps come from?
- What does Matthew 12:31-32 say the unforgiveable sin is?
- What does Romans 8:38-39 teach about death and the Christian?
- What gets a Christian to heaven?
- How should we feel about those who attempt suicide?

- Why do people typically attempt suicide?

ii A biblical case study of someone who wanted to die

- List some people from the Bible who committed suicide.
- List some others who wanted to die but who did not take their own lives.
- What did Job suffer?
- How did he feel about it?
- Who appears to him in Job 42:4-6?
- What does this do to Job's perspective?
- What should you do if you are feeling suicidal now?
- Who is able to help us in our misery?
- How can you meet God today?
- What does Hebrews 4:15 teach about Jesus?
- What does Matthew 12:20 teach about Jesus?
- What does Jesus give?

Conclusion

- How can you come to Jesus today?