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John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Why did Jesus have to die?

Isaiah 53:10-11 - Yet, it was the Lord's will to crush him with suffering. When the Lord has made his life a sacrifice for our wrongdoings and sins, he will see his descendants for many days. The will of the Lord will succeed through him. He shall see the labor of His soul and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify or make righteous many, for he shall bear or carry their sins.

Hebrews 10:1-5 - Moses' teachings, with their yearly cycle of sacrifices, are only a shadow of the good things in the future. They aren't an exact likeness of those things. They can never make those who worship perfect or cleansed from their sin. If these sacrifices could have made the worshipers perfect or cleansed from their sin, the sacrifices would have stopped long ago. Those who worship would have been cleansed or made perfect once and for all. Their consciences would have been free from sin. Instead, this yearly cycle of sacrifices reminded people of their sins. The blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins. For this reason, when Christ came into the world, he said, "You did not want sacrifices and offerings, but you prepared a body for me."

We get to choose eternal life or eternal death.

John 3:16-19 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

You either receive or reject Jesus. There is no middle ground.