

Why an evil world? Part 1

An all-powerful God *could* overcome evil - and an all-loving God *would*.

Yes!

It hasn't happened yet, but in his Book God promises us that it will happen in the future. Meanwhile this world's evil hasn't taken him by surprise.

First, the mightiest evil of all time was when wicked men crucified God's Son, Jesus.

But note this - *God determined beforehand that it should happen!*

“Pontius Pilate . . . with the Gentiles and the people of Israel . . . did what you in your power and wisdom had already decided would happen.” Acts 4.27-28 (The Bible for Today).

Second, what good did that do?

Jesus' death had this mighty outcome - he “suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3.18.

Third, all God requires of us now, to gain his forgiveness, is to accept Jesus' death on our behalf!

Fourth, but why didn't God just prevent evil in the first place?

That would rule out our free choice to love him. Real love can't exist without freedom, because love requires the freedom *not* to love.

So God permits what he hates to accomplish what he loves!

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God may not have revealed all we WANT to know about evil.
But he's revealed all we NEED to know.