

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

GREATNESS IS MAXIMIZING YOUR POTENTIAL
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF OTHERS!

WHAT WAS JESUS DOING ON THE CROSS?

John 10:17-18 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

An old Baptist Hymn says:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=gl7kCi2MUsg&si=fM8-eCyZ3g6Rf5ET>

Calvary, Calvary,
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Surely He died on Calvary.

WHAT WAS JESUS DOING ON THE CROSS?

1) Jesus was SUBSTITUTING.

John 10:17 NKJV ... because I lay down My life ...

† Matthew 27:15-44

- Clark Sisters, Blessed and Highly Favor

*It coulda' been me, It shoulda' been me,
It woulda' been me if it wasn't for the blood.*

- It should have been me on the cross!
It should have been you! But He took OUR place!!!

† 2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV

2) Jesus was **SCANDALIZING**.

John 10:18 NKJV ... *No one takes it from Me ...*

† **Matthew 27:24-44**

- HE WAS SCANDALIZED!

† Deuteronomy 21:22-23 NKJV

† Galatians 3:13 NKJV

- “scandal” - causes a public outcry and produces an expression of malicious sentiment.
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3) Jesus was **SUFFERING**.

John 10:18 NKJV ... *but I lay it down Myself ...*

† **Matthew 27:26 NKJV**

- “scourged” – whip, called “Cat of Nine Tails”

† **Deuteronomy 25:3 NKV**

– Command the Jews - limited it to 39 lashes

– Death penalty - 40 lashes

– (Jews could NOT execute death penalty, only Rome could do that!)

- Lot of blood shed at scourging post.
 - Estimated - human body has about 12 pints of blood.
 - Jesus lost 6 pints of blood at the scourging post.
 - Most men died at the scourging post.
 - But It wasn’t prophesied that Jesus would not die at the scourging.
 - It was prophesied that Jesus would die on a Cross.
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4) Jesus was SATISFYING.

John 10:18 NKJV ... I have power to lay it down ...

- IF the cross of Jesus Christ is the central target that all biblical content is shooting at, THEN the subject of how His death satisfied the wrath of God is the **bull's eye**.

† Matthew 27:51 NKJV

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- Curtain torn...
- Earth shook...
- God wanted people to know ***something is happening***:
 - Atonement has been made!!!
 - The Price has been Paid!!!
 - Pay Attention!!!

† Matthew 27:53-54 NKJV

5) Jesus was SAVING.

John 10:18 NKJV ... and I have power to take it again...

- Listen, Died!!! Oh yes! He Died!!!
- But He also “ROSE” from the Grave!!!
- He said, “*And I have the Power to take it again.*”
- The ‘IT’ that He is talking about is **His Life!!!**

† John 12:32 NKJV

† Luke 24:1-11 NKJV

† Luke 24:5-6 NKJV

† 1 Corinthians 15:14-22 NKJV

- *In Christ we are Saved!!! — No matter who you are or where you come from, God has made Salvation available to us all!!! (John 3:17)*

† Romans 10:9 NKJV

CONCLUSION

† The Crucifixion was necessary!!!

† To Secure Our Salvation!!