

THE TRUTH: A Willing Sacrifice



God's Truth – Higher Than Human Opinion

Luke 9:21-24 NLT

²¹ Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone who he was.

²² “The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things,” he said.

“He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.” ²³ Then he said to

the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow

me. ²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.



**“Don’t hesitate to offer the ultimate
sacrifice,
if you want the future to turn out
ultimately well.”**

Jordan Peterson

Sacrifice - Always a Personal Decision

John 10:14-15, 18 NLT

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, ¹⁵ just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.

¹⁸ No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again.



Sacrifice – Power To Give Others Choice

Luke 23:39-43 NLT

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” ⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” ⁴³ And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Truth - Jesus Did What No Man Could Do...

Matt 27:45-46 NLT

⁴⁵ At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. ⁴⁶ At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Hebrews 12:2 NIV

² "For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame..."



Ultimate Sacrifice – He Gave His Life, For Me To Live!

Matt 27:50-52, 54 NLT

⁵⁰ Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit.

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, ⁵² and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead.

⁵⁴ The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, “This man truly was the Son of God!”



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