

WHO REALLY KILLED CHRIST?

Luke 24:7- "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." -Jesus Christ

Reviewing The Evidence And Testimonies

Who Really Killed Christ?

■ Did He Really Die? Examine the Evidence.

■ Reviewing the Testimony:

- *Pilate* - *Jews*
- *Pharisses and Sadducess*
- *Judas* - *The Soldiers*
- *The Centurion* - *John*
- *The Christ*



EVIDENCE

The Crime Scene

Did A Death Really Occur?

■ Time

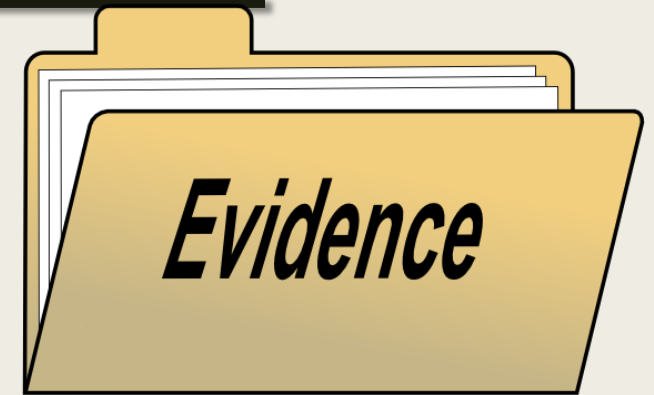
■ Place

■ Examining The Testimony Of The Witnesses?



The Crime Scene

1st Witness: The Centurion



Luke 23:46-47 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father into your hands I commit My Spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last.

So when the centurion saw what happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

The Crime Scene

2nd Witness: The Soldiers



EVIDENCE

John 19:32-34 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers immediately pierced His side with a spear, and **immediately blood and water came out.**

The Crime Scene

3rd Witness: John



John 19:35-37 And he who has seen has testified and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken,” And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”

The Crime Scene

3rd Witness: John

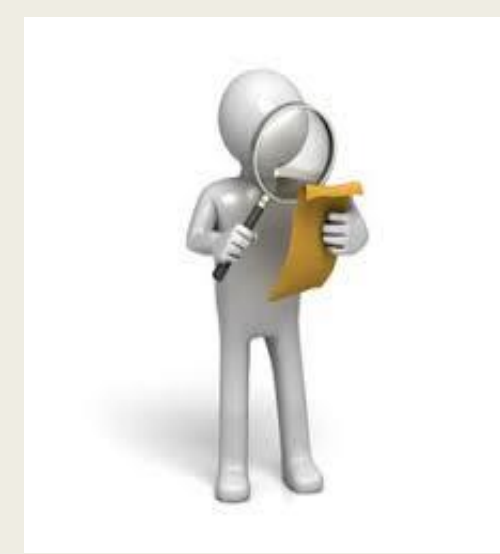
(Place of Death)

John 19:18-19-where **they crucified Him**, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

Now Pilate wrote a title and **put it on the cross**.
And the writing was: *JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*



The Crime Scene



4th and 5th Witness: Pilate and Joseph

Mark 15:43-45 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that he was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

The Crime Scene

The Testimony Of Christ (Place of Death)

“...this is my story...”

Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the Elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

The Crime Scene

The Testimony Of Christ (Time Of Death)

“...this is my story...”

Matt. 27:46,50- And about the ninth hour
Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying “Eli,
Eli, lama sabacthani?” that is “My God, My
God why have You forsaken Me?”

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice
and yielded up His spirit.

The Crime Scene

Summary of Evidence

Place of Death: In Jerusalem on a cross

Time of Death: 9th hour

Those who saw Jesus dead:

Centurion, The Soldiers, Pilate, Joseph and John

➤ **In conclusion a death occurred, multiple witnesses witnessed the death of Christ**

Who Was Responsible

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1st Suspect: Judas



Matthew 26: 14-16 Then one of the 12, called Judas, went to the chief priests and said **“What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him (Jesus) to you?”** And they counted out to him **30 pieces of silver**. So from that time he sought opportunity **to betray Him**.

Who Was Responsible

1st Suspect: Judas

Matthew 26:47-50



And while He was still speaking, behold Judas, one of the 12, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now His betrayer had given them a sign saying, **“Whomever I kiss, He is the One; sieze Him.**

Immediately **Judas** went up to Jesus and said, **“Greetings, Rabbi!”** and **kissed Him.** But Jesus said to him, **“Friend, why have you come?”** Then they came and **laid hands on Jesus and took Him.**

Who Was Responsible

2nd Suspects: Pharisees and Sadducees

John 11: 47-48, 53



Then the **chief priests and the Pharisses gathered a council** and said “What shall we do? For this Man (Jesus) works many signs. If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation

Then from that day on, **they plotted to put Him (Jesus) to death.**

Who Was Responsible

2nd Suspects: Pharisees and Sadducees

Matthew 27:20

But the **chief priests and elders** persuaded the **multitudes** that they should ask for Barabbas and **destroy Jesus.**



Who Was Responsible

3rd Suspects: The Multitudes (Jews)



Matthew 27:22-23

Pilate said to them **“What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”** They all said to Him, **“Let Him be crucified!”** Then the governor said **“Why what evil has He done?”** **But they cried out** all the more, saying, **“Let Him be crucified!”**

Who Was Responsible

4th Suspect: Pilate

Matthew 27:24,26



When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, **he took water and washed his hands** before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person, you see to it."

Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, **he delivered Him (Jesus) to be crucified.**

Who Was Responsible

Summary of the Investigation of the Suspects:

- The Pharisees and Sadducees form a plot to kill Jesus
- Judas is recruited to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver
- The Jews demand for the death of Jesus
- Pilate out of fear fails to save an innocent and just Jesus

Who Was Responsible

Lets See What Jesus Has To Say
Regarding His Death.



EVIDENCE

Who Was Responsible

The Testimony of Jesus:



John 10:18

“No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it again. This command I have received from My father.”

Who Was Responsible

More evidence that Jesus gave His life
on His own Accord:

Matthew 26:52-53



THE UNCONDITIONAL
LOVE OF CHRIST

But **Jesus said** to him, **“Put your sword in its place,** for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

Or do you think that I cannot Pray to My Father, and **He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?”**

Who Was Responsible

What did Jesus mean by this?

In order for us to understand this verse we must know what angels are capable of? We must know about their strength and power?

Who Was Responsible

The Power of Angels:



2 Kings 19:35

And it came to pass on a certain night that the **angel of the Lord** went out and **killed** in the camp of the Assyrians **185,000**, and when the people arose early in the morning there were the **corpses---all dead.**

Who Was Responsible

The Power of Angels:

1 Chronicles 21:15



And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, the LORD looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Who Was Responsible

So what did Jesus mean by calling on 12,000 angels? That He could defend Himself if He chose to.



Who Was Responsible

Jesus Answers Nothing:

Mark 14:55-61



Now the chief priest and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. For many bore false witnesses against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, “We heard Him say, I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within 3 days I will build another made without hands.”

But not even then did their testimony agree.

And the **high priest** stood up in the midst and **asked Jesus**, saying, “**Do you answer nothing?** What is it these men testify against You?”

But He kept silent and answered nothing.

Who Was Responsible

I imagine if Jesus would have hired a lawyer, He would have gone free or if He simply chose to answer He could have walked away without a charge. Even then He chose not to defend Himself.

The Pharisees and Sadducees had an unfair trial, with false witnesses who could not even agree with themselves (their lies could not match up) and yet Jesus chose to be tried by them.

Who Was Responsible

Jesus Before Pilate

John 19:9-11



And Pilate went again into the Praetorium and said to Jesus, **“Where are you from?”** But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, **“Are you not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You and power to release You?”**

Jesus answered, **“You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above....**

Who Was Responsible

Even before Pilate, Jesus chose not to defend Himself.

Did Pilate really have more power and authority than the Son Of God?

No, what could the Empire of Rome possibly do to 12,000 angels and THE SON OF GOD.

Who Was Responsible

Jesus Yielded His Spirit

John 19:30

So when **Jesus** had received the sour wine, He **said, "It is finished!"** And **bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.**

Who Was Responsible

Ultimately it was Jesus who gave up his Life, just as He said in (John 10:18) "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself."

When everything was finished, after being falsely accused and given over to be scourged and crucified. **On His own will, He yielded up His spirit on the cross, no one took it from Him.**

Who Was Responsible

What have we learned in our investigation:

- Jesus gave Himself to be arrested
- He gave Himself to be on trial
- And willingly gave Himself to die on the Cross

Why Did He Give Up His Life?



The Sacrifice

The Sacrifice

Jesus The Good Shepherd

John 10:14-15



“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”

The Sacrifice

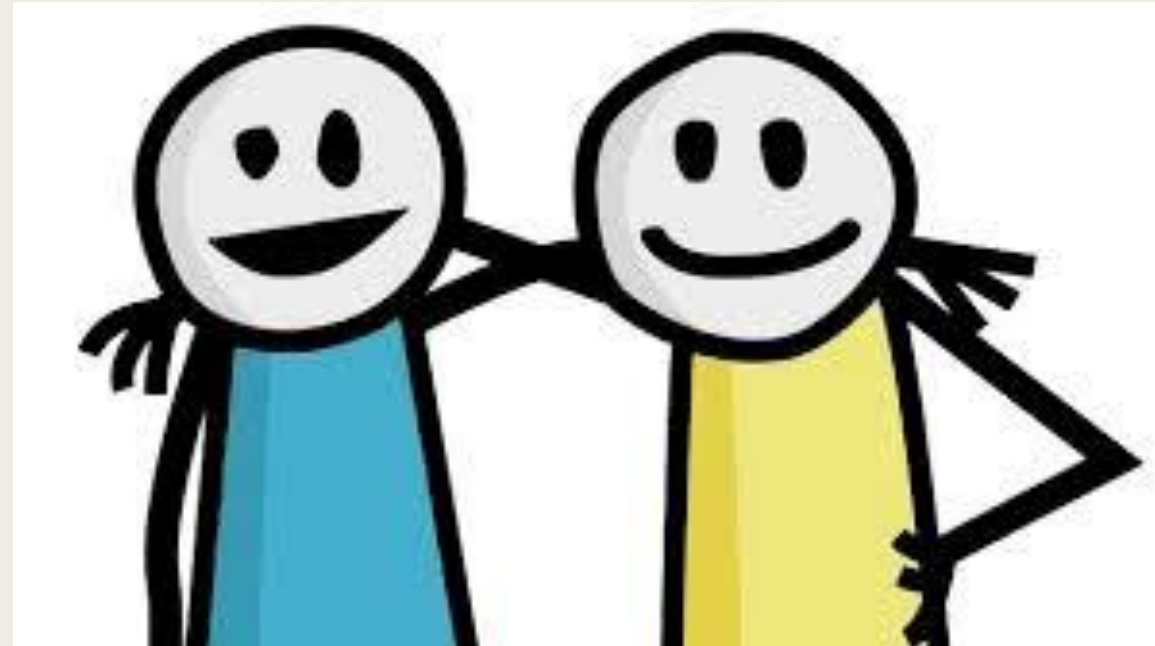
The Love Of Jesus

John 15:12-13



This is My commandment, that you love one another as **I have loved you.**

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.



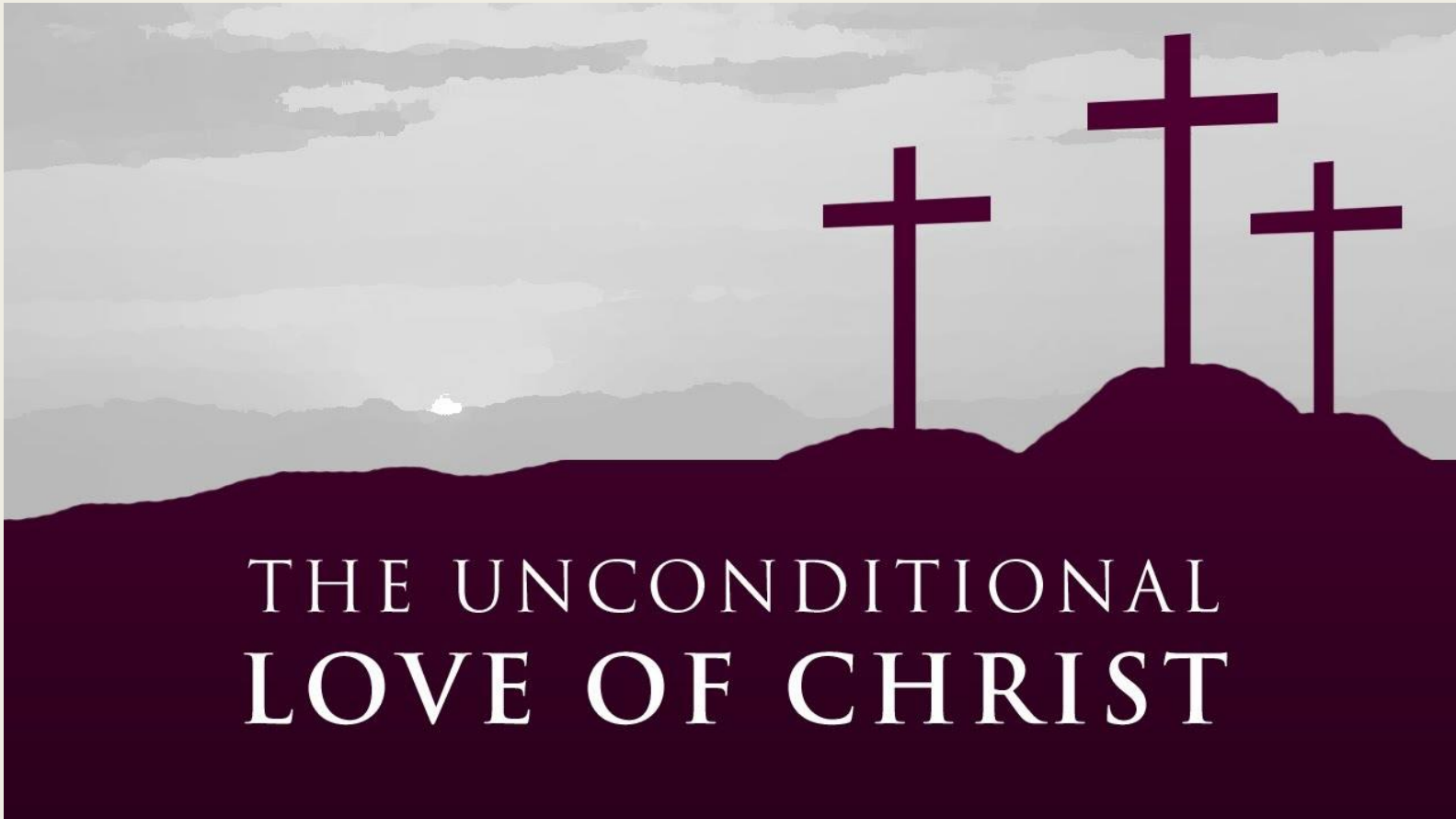
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The Love Of Jesus

Mark 10:45



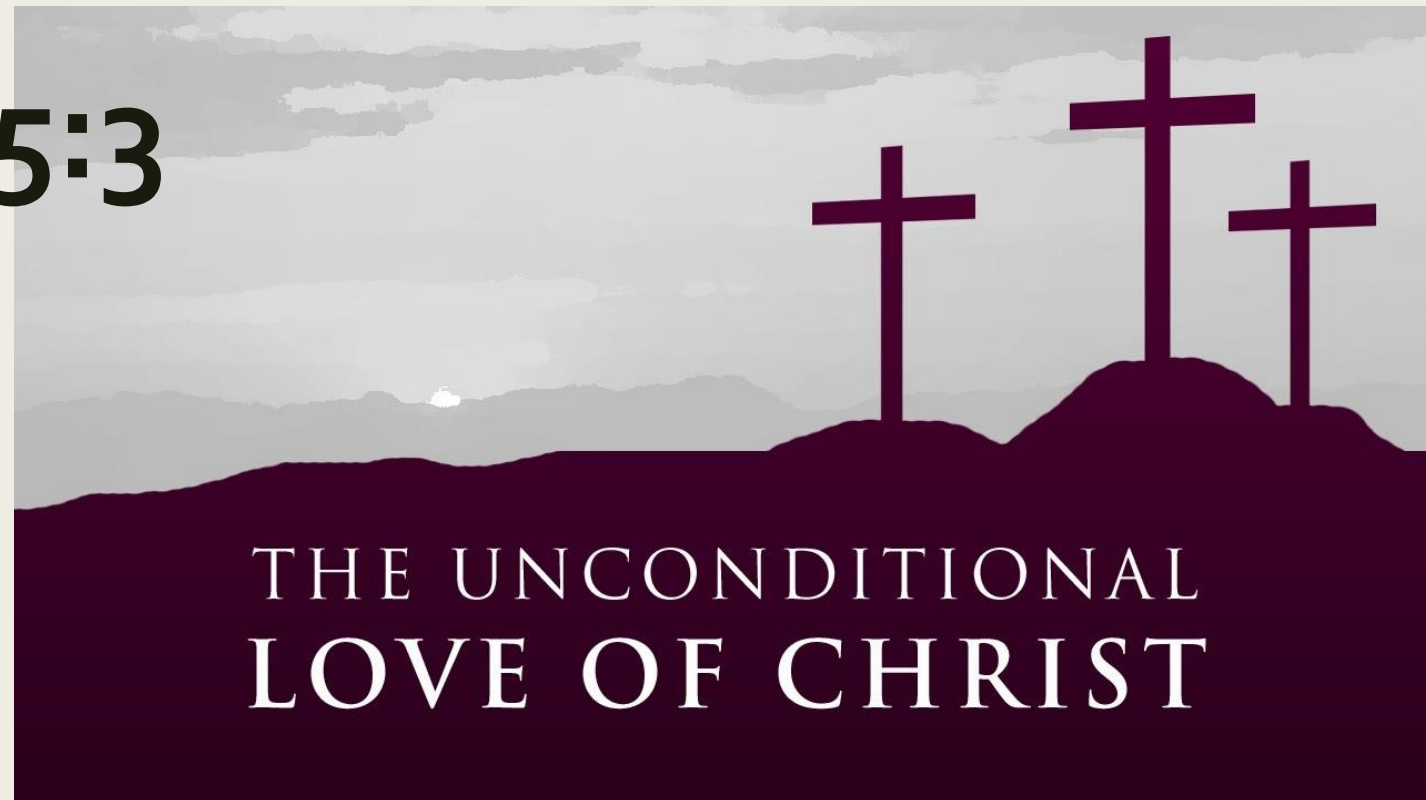
For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and **to give His life** a ransom for many.



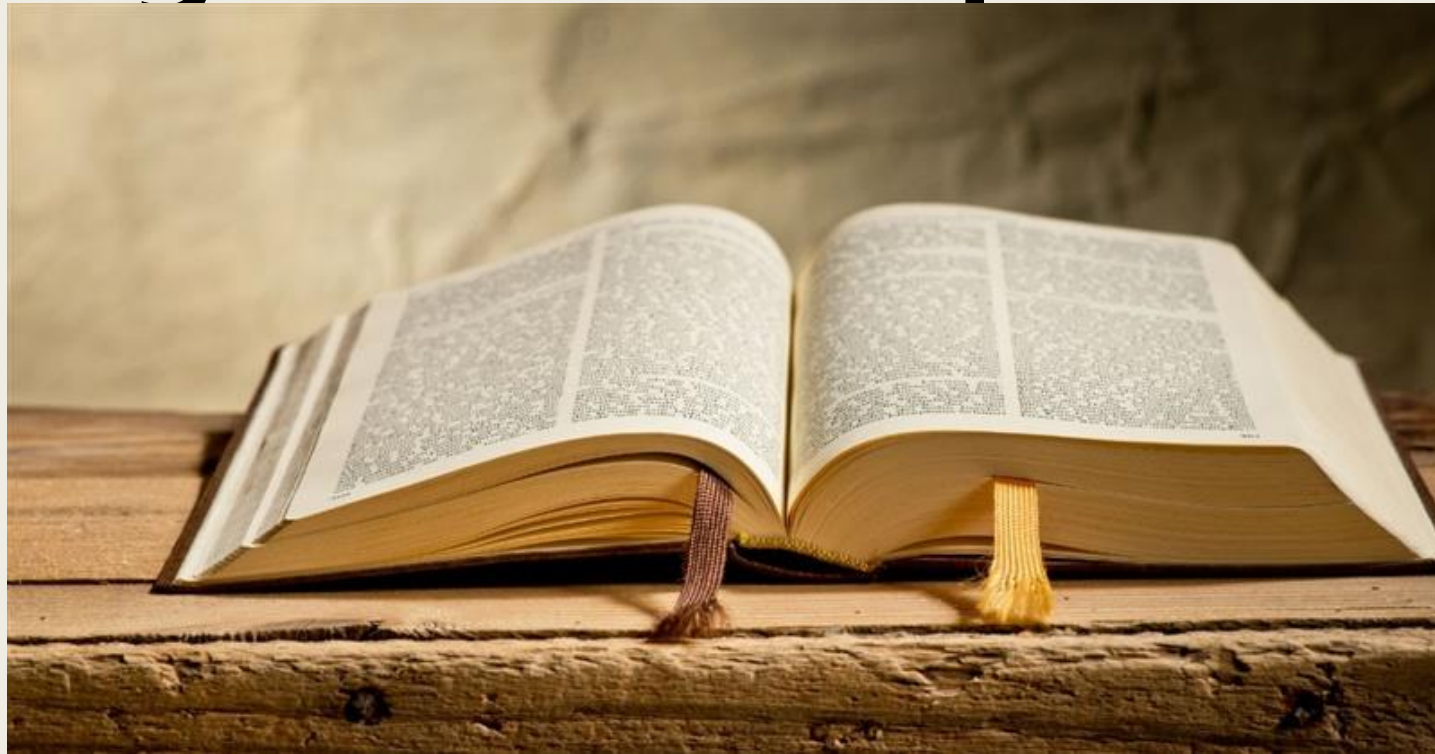
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He Died For Our Sins

1 Corinthians 15:3



For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures.



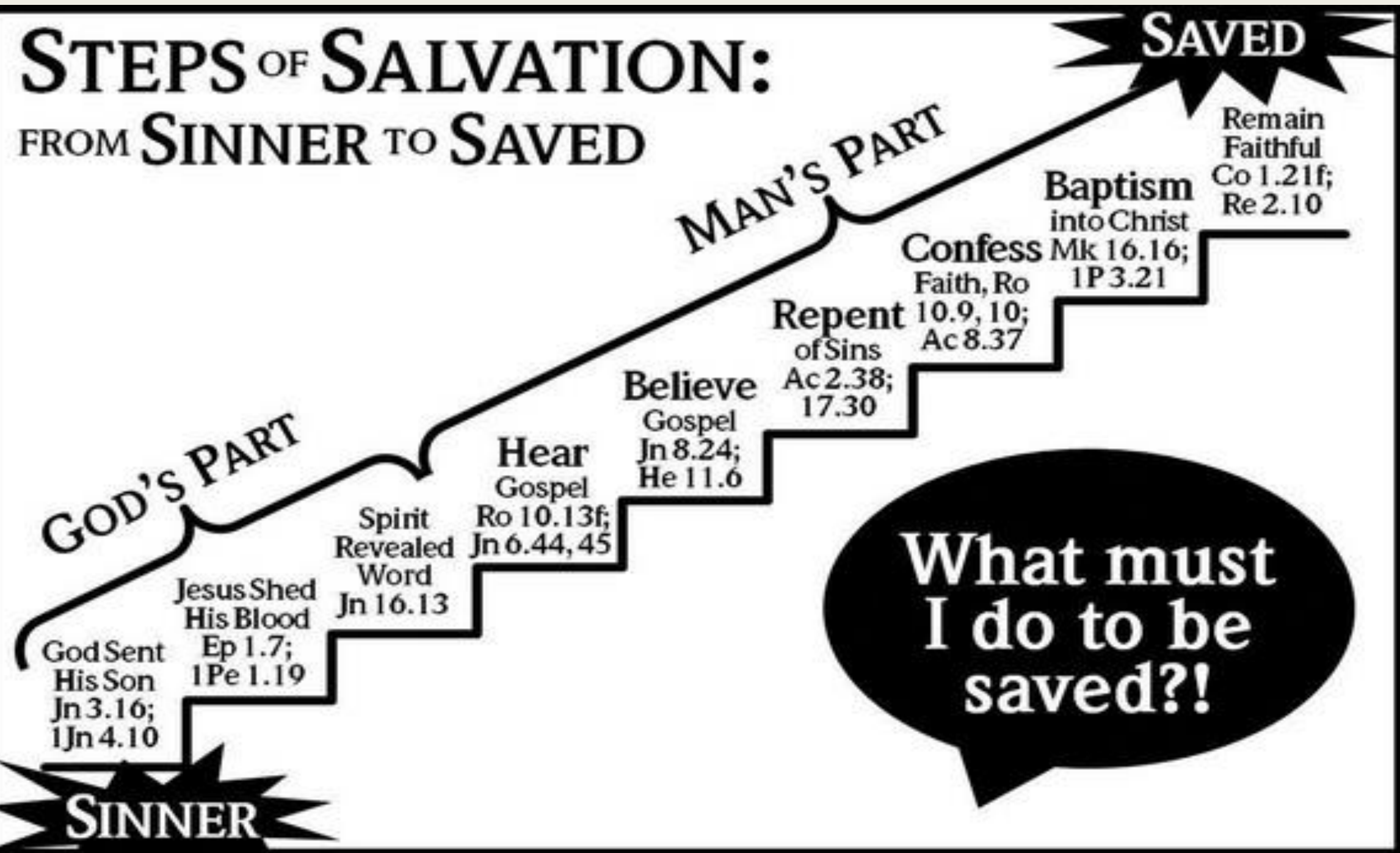
Conclusion

Jesus gave up His life on His own accord out of love and to provide a means for our salvation.

What love Jesus has shown us, wrongfully accused and beaten, He bore it all so that those who would follow and believe Him could be forgiven and saved.

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**



What must I do to be saved?!

**“Greater love has no one
than this, than to lay down
one’s life for his friends”-
Jesus The Christ, Our Loving
Savior
ohn 15:13**

