



God knew that, because of our human frailty, we would have moments when we wonder whether we are good enough, perfect enough, righteous enough, or holy enough! God's answer to the questions that torment us was not launching another religion or denomination. He had one primary mission when He came in human form and that was to hang on a cruel Cross for my sins, for your sins, for the sins of every person who had ever lived and who would ever be born. This Palm Sunday, I rise to remind you that Jesus Christ did the unimaginable. He died on the Cross. There is **No Greater Love!**

### **HOW WE RESPOND TO GOD:**

1. Fear: The subjective emotional state that causes our brain to fire regardless of whether the threat is real or imagined.
2. Cynicism: The belief that people are motivated purely by their own self-interest.
3. Faith: A decision and the confidence based on trust in someone or something.

## THE TEXTS:

- 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 (**JOHN 3:16, NKJV**).
- For scarcely for a Righteous Man will one die; yet perhaps for a Good Man someone would even dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His Own Love toward us, in that while we were still Sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more then, having now been justified by His Blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. <sup>10</sup>For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His Life. <sup>11</sup>And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation (**ROMANS 5:7-11, NKJV**).
- He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the Love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His Only Begotten Son into the World, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins, (**1 JOHN 4:8-10, NKJV**).
- Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. <sup>33</sup> When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the Cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on His Right and one on His Left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for His Clothes by throwing dice.  
<sup>35</sup>The Crowd watched and the Leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let Him save Himself if He is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. <sup>37</sup>They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>A sign was fastened above him with these words: **“THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”**  
<sup>39</sup>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!” <sup>40</sup>But the other criminal

protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? <sup>41</sup>We deserve to die for our crimes, but this Man hasn’t done anything wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”(**LUKE 23:32-43, NLT**).

## **THREE THINGS THAT JESUS OFFERS:**

- **RADICAL FORGIVENESS-**

- And by the Blood of His Cross, everything in Heaven and Earth is brought back to Himself—back to its original intent, restored to innocence again! (**COLOSSIANS 1:20, TPT**)

**#1. The Cross was not a down payment, but a total eradication of the debt we could not pay!**

- **UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE**

- As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of All and richly blesses all who call on Him, <sup>13</sup>for, “Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.”(**ROMANS 10:11-13, NIV**)

**#2. We no longer work for acceptance, but we work from acceptance!**

- **ASSURANCE ABOUT THE AFTERLIFE**

- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is Eternal Life through Christ Jesus our Lord (**ROMANS 6:23, NLT**).

**#3. Destiny decisions are the keys that open the door to an amazing Eternity!**