THE CORDS OF THE CROSS

WHAT WAS IT THAT HELD JESUS CHRIST TO THE CROSS?

IT WAS NOT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, WAS IT?

Matt 26:53

''Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

MAYBE IT WAS HUMAN WEAKNESS?

John 10:17-18

- 17 ''For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.
- 18 ''No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.''

THE WORD TELLS US THAT HE BECAME HUMANITY'S SUBSTITUTE

PS 69:9 9 FOR ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE HAS CONSUMED ME, AND THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACH YOU HAVE FALLEN ON ME.

ISA 53:5

5 BUT HE WAS PIERCED THROUGH FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; THE CHASTENING FOR OUR WELL-BEING {FELL} UPON HIM, AND BY HIS SCOURGING WE ARE HEALED.

GAL 3:13-14

13 CHRIST REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, HAVING BECOME A CURSE FOR US-FOR IT IS WRITTEN, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"--14 IN ORDER THAT IN CHRIST JESUS THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM MIGHT COME TO THE GENTILES, SO THAT WE WOULD RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH.

Heb 2:9

9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, {namely} Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

1 PET 3:18 18 FOR CHRIST ALSO DIED FOR SINS ONCE FOR ALL, {THE} JUST FOR {THE} UNJUST, SO THAT HE MIGHT BRING US TO GOD, HAVING BEEN PUT TO DEATH IN THE FLESH, BUT MADE ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT:

ISA 53:12

12 THEREFORE, I WILL ALLOT HIM A PORTION WITH THE GREAT, AND HE WILL DIVIDE THE BOOTY WITH THE STRONG; BECAUSE HE POURED OUT HIMSELF TO DEATH, AND WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS: YET HE HIMSELF BORE THE SIN OF MANY, AND INTERCEDED FOR THE TRANSGRESSORS.

HEB 9:28 28 SO CHRIST ALSO, HAVING BEEN OFFERED ONCE TO BEAR THE SINS OF MANY, WILL APPEAR A SECOND TIME FOR SALVATION WITHOUT {REFERENCE TO} SIN, TO THOSE WHO EAGERLY AWAIT HIM.

1 PET 2:24

24 AND HE HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS IN HIS BODY ON THE CROSS, SO THAT WE MIGHT DIE TO SIN AND LIVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS; FOR BY HIS WOUNDS YOU WERE HEALED.

I JN 3:5 5 YOU KNOW THAT HE APPEARED IN ORDER TO TAKE AWAY SINS; AND IN HIM THERE IS NO SIN.

HE WAS HELD TO THE CROSS BY THE CORDS OF A SAVIOURS LOVE

HIS LOVE IS UNCHANGEABLE

JOHN 13:1

1 NOW BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER. JESUS KNOWING THAT HIS HOUR HAD COME THAT HE WOULD DEPART OUT OF THIS WORLD TO THE FATHER, HAVING LOVED HIS OWN WHO WERE IN THE WORLD, HE LOVED THEM TO THE END.

HIS LOVE IS DIVINE

JOHN 15:9
9 "JUST AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, I
HAVE ALSO LOVED YOU; ABIDE IN MY LOVE.
(NAU)

HIS LOVE IS SELF-SACRIFICING

JOHN 15:13 13 "GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAT ONE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

HIS LOVE IS INSEPARABLE

ROM 8:35 35 Who Will Separate us from the Love Of Christ? Will Tribulation, or Distress, Or Persecution, or famine, or Nakedness, or Peril, or Sword?

HIS LOVE GUIDES & CONTROLS US

2 COR 5:14-15 14 FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONTROLS US, HAVING CONCLUDED THIS, THAT ONE DIED FOR ALL, THEREFORE ALL DIED; 15 AND HE DIED FOR ALL, SO THAT THEY WHO LIVE MIGHT NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR HIM WHO DIED AND ROSE AGAIN ON THEIR BEHALF.

HIS LOVE DECLARES US TO BE A SACRIFICE

GAL 2:20

20 "I HA VE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST: AND IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME; AND THE {LIFE} WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR ME.

FROM THE VERY START OUR SALVATION WAS CENTERED IN THE DEATH OF CHRIST

REV 13:8-9 8 ALL WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH WILL WORSHIP HIM, {EVERYONE} WHOSE NAME HAS NOT BEEN WRITTEN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD IN THE BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB WHO HAS BEEN SLAIN. 9 IF ANYONE HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR.