

Just think how much Jesus loves us!



GOD GAVE JESUS AN OPPORTUNITY TO QUIT. Jesus had a choice in the Garden of Gethsemane. He could have chosen to save Himself, but He chose to go ahead and suffer and die for you and me so we could be saved. Think of that! He said, “Father, if it is possible, let this cup of suffering pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will” (Matthew 26:39). Jesus could have taken the easy way out, but He didn’t.

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends” (John 15:13). Jesus was that friend. He took our punishment for us. God “made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21). To make us clean, Jesus had to get dirty. God’s Word says He “bore our sins in His own body on the tree [cross]” (1 Peter 2:24).

Jesus even had to let God turn His back on Him. “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Mark 15:34). Jesus suffered not only physically, but also spiritually—the death of the unsaved sinner—and was three days and three nights in Hell (Matthew 12:40).

He was willing to go through all that so we could be saved. Imagine!