

THE LAST SACRIFICE

JOHN 19:16b-18

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND—See the chart Old/New Systems of Sacrifice (Leviticus 16)

WAS HANDED OVER TO DEATH to do God's will. Lambs, unlike cattle, do not fight or struggle against those who would take their lives. Jesus, the Lamb of God, willingly went to the cross. (John 19:16, Hebrews 10:5-10, fn 10:5-10[2nd], fn 10:9, Philippians 2:8, fn 2:8, Isaiah 53:7, 8, fn 53:7-12, John 1:29, fn 1:29) *How should you respond to the sacrifice that Christ gave for you?*

WAS CRUCIFIED FOR OUR SINS. “Our attitude to the crucifixion must be that of self-identification with the rest of human nature. We must say, ‘We did it.’” Erwin W. Lutzer, Cries from the Cross, page 17. (John 19:18, fn 19:18, Romans 4:25, Hebrews 9:24-28, fn 9:24-28, II Corinthians 5:21, fn 5:21, Isaiah 53:6) *Did your sin cause Christ to go to the cross? Do you confess, “I did it”? Why or why not?*

WAS NUMBERED WITH CRIMINALS. “God decreed that He who was most Holy should die with those who were most unholy. Jesus not only died among criminals but was numbered as one of them, and therein lies the heart of the gospel.” Lutzer, Cries from the Cross, page 54. (John 19:18, Luke 23:32, 33, Luke 23:39-43, fn 23:39-43, Isaiah 53:12) *How is this the heart of the gospel?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.