



Good Friday

❖ *What happened?*

❖ *Matthew 27:11-56*

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❖ *Most people shrink from Christ's cross because it exposes sin and the punishment it deserves.*

❖ *For His sacrifice to have meaning, I must admit my guilt*

❖ *And **None** are guiltless.*

❖ *Most want God to **grade on the curve***

❖ *All we need is **someone worse** than us*

❖ *But God's system is **Pass/Fail***

❖ *And **only PERFECT** passes*

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❖ *So why would the **ONLY perfect One***

❖ *Sacrifice His life for **all the guilty ones?***

❖ *Joy.*

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❖ *How have you **enjoyed** bringing **joy** to others?*

○ *Birthday or Christmas gifts?*

○ *Acts of service or kindness?*

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Hebrews 12:1-2**, "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, **who

for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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What kind of joy could motivate someone to suffer unspeakable pain for others?

Three kinds:

❖ ***First, His joy for us!***

❖ ***Mark 2:17, Jesus said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”***

❖ ***Next, Joy in heaven!***

❖ ***Luke 15:7, “I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.”***

❖ ***Third, His joy in us and Our joy!***

❖ ***John 15:11, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.” (9-17)***

❖ ***In His joy, we are free from our sin and guilt...***

❖ ***And free to enjoy freeing others from theirs!***