

*I asked Jesus, "How much do you love me?"  
He said, "This much" and stretched out His hands and died.  
Died for me, a fallen sinner! He died for you too.*

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*The night before My death, you were on my mind.  
How I desired to have a relationship with you,  
to spend eternity with you in heaven.  
Yet, sin separated you from Me and My Father.  
A sacrifice of innocent blood was needed  
for the payment of your sins.*

*The hour had come when I was to lay down my life for you.  
With heaviness of heart I went out to the garden to pray.  
In agony of soul I sweat, as it were, drops of blood  
as I cried out to God...  
"...O My Father, if it be possible,  
let this cup pass from me:  
nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."  
~ Matthew 26:39*

*While I was in the garden the soldiers came to arrest Me  
even though I was innocent of any crime.  
They brought Me before Pilate's hall.  
I stood before My accusers.*

*Then Pilate took Me and scourged Me.  
Lacerations cut deeply into My back as I took the beating for you.  
Then the soldiers stripped me, and put a scarlet robe on Me.*

*They platted a crown of thorns upon My head.  
Blood flowed down My face...  
there was no beauty that you should desire Me.*

*Then the soldiers mocked Me,  
saying, " Hail, King of the Jews!  
They brought Me before the cheering crowd,  
shouting, "Crucify Him. Crucify Him."  
I stood there silently, bloody, bruised and beaten.  
Wounded for your transgressions,  
bruised for your iniquities.  
Despised and rejected of men.*

*Pilate sought to release Me  
but gave in to the pressure of the crowd.  
"Take ye Him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him."  
he said to them.  
Then he delivered Me to be crucified.  
You were on my mind when I carried My cross  
up the lonesome hill to Golgotha.  
I fell beneath its weight.*

*It was my love for you, and to do My Father's will  
that gave Me the strength to bear beneath its heavy load.  
There, I bore your grief and I carried your sorrows  
laying down My life for the sin of mankind.*

*The soldiers sneered giving heavy blows of the hammer  
driving the nails deeply into My hands and feet.  
Love nailed your sins to the cross, never to be dealt with again.  
They hoisted Me up and left Me to die.  
Yet, they did not take My life.  
I willingly gave it.*

*The sky grew black. Even the sun stopped shining.  
My body wracked with excruciating pain  
took the weight of your sin and bore it's punishment  
so that the wrath of God could be satisfied.*

*When all things were accomplished.  
I committed My spirit into My Father's hands,  
and breathed out My final words "It is finished."  
I bowed my head and gave up the ghost.*

*I Love you...  
Jesus.*

*"Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends."  
~ John 15:13*

*Don't fall asleep without Jesus  
until you are assured of a place in heaven.*

*Tonight, if you would like to receive the gift of eternal life  
first you must believe in the Lord.*

*You have to ask for your sins to be forgiven  
and put your trust in the Lord.*

*To be a believer in the Lord, ask for eternal life.*

*There's only one way to heaven and that's  
through the Lord Jesus.*

*That's God's wonderful plan of salvation.*

*You can begin a personal relationship with Him  
by praying from your heart a prayer such as the following:*

*"O God, I am a sinner.*

*I am sorry for my sins.*

*I want to turn from my sin.*

*I receive Jesus Christ as my Savior;*

*I confess Him as my Lord.*

*From now on I want to follow Him.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen."*

*Welcome to the family of God!*

*We are excited about your decision to accept  
the Lord Jesus as your Savior,  
and would like to encourage you to find a  
local church that you could be a part of  
to help you grow in your new walk with Him.*

*Also, we encourage you to develop a personal  
relationship with the Lord by reading the Scriptures  
and praying to Him often.*

*Talk to Him as you would talk to a dearest friend.  
He desires that closeness and intimacy with you!*

*"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:  
he shall gather the lambs with his arm,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young."*

*~ Isaiah 40:11*

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