

JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME

John 10:17-18

Review v14-16

4x: I voluntarily LAY DOWN My life for My sheep (v11, 15, 17, 18)

v18: no one can take My life from Me. This is an issue of authority
And He has authority to take it up again (v17, 18)! So

1. He will decide when and how He dies
2. When that time comes, He will lay down His life, not be killed
3. Then He will decide to take it up again!

See the incredible fulfillment of these 3 assertions:

I. Jesus _____ to die at Passover as the substitutionary sacrificial
Lamb: 11 examples of **giving** Himself

1. He knew the leaders would try to kill Him at Passover.
He went anyway. John 11:53-57
2. His entry into Jerusalem infuriated them further.
Jn 12:12-19
3. He publicly denounced and humiliated the powerful Jewish leaders.
Matt 23:1-39
4. He could have stayed with the crowds and been safe.
Luke 19:47-48; 20:19; 22:1-6
5. He knew Judas was intending to betray Him. He not only did not stop
him, He encouraged him to get on with it!
Jn 13:21-30
6. John shows He could have escaped at His arrest as He had done at
Nazareth (Jn 18:4-11 contra Lk 4:28-30)

7. He could have called for 12 legions (72,000) angels, but did not.
(Matt 26:50-54)
8. When His enemies could not make a case against Him, He
condemned Himself.
Matt 26:59-66
9. He could have protested the illegal proceedings to Pilate, who was
sympathetic to His case. But He did not.
Matt 27:1-2, 11-14
10. The slightest delay would have saved Him, for no executions were
permitted during the next 8 days. But Jesus cooperates fully to
hasten His execution that day.
Luke 23:5-12
11. Jesus never defends Himself to Pilate concerning the ridiculous
charges they have leveled against Him.
Luke 23:1-5; Mark 15:1-5; Jn 19:1-16

II. (#12.) Jesus laid down His life on the cross. He did _____ die of
crucifixion, because crucified men do not die with a SHOUT!
Matt 27:50; Mk 15:37; Luke 23:46; Jn 19:30: "gave up"
What authority!
What love!

III. Jesus would _____ 3 days later in a body that would never again
die!
And He would share that kind of body with us!
What a Shepherd!
Who could not love Him in return?

The solution to so many of your problems is to be more aware of Jesus.