

APRIL 5

Communion is...

Communion is a blood transfusion and I am in desperate need of one.

Read Matthew 27:11–26

I want to stay in these verses again today, but from a different perspective. Yesterday we looked at the crowd trying to find someone to stand up for Jesus. **Today, let's look at Jesus and see how He was standing up for us.**

I have always found it interesting that Jesus stood mostly silent throughout all of this evil. And in these verses, this is also true... we only hear Him utter 5 words. I am in wonder at that, because as someone who often has way too many words, I would not have been able to hold them in. Especially if false insults, accusations and claims were being leveled against me.

And yet, amidst the evil words, Jesus was standing, as strong Savior, working a salvation for our good. In verse 25 we read that the crowd shouted out, ***"His blood be on us and our children."*** These words were shouted out against Jesus in arrogance and pride, and yet Jesus was standing in love for the world and working their evil into the greatest good ever... **His blood being upon us and our children!**

We are desperate for the blood of Jesus to be upon us! Without the blood of Jesus, we are lost and doomed to destruction. His blood covers our sin. His blood makes us clean. His blood saves. His blood sets us free. His blood does more than we are even aware of as it covers us. **I am reminded of the words that I have sung so often, "O the blood of Jesus!"**

Jesus was standing that day. One man, standing for a crowd that was shouting to kill Him. One man willing to shed His blood for us. One man silently standing and turning evil words of death into salvation words of LIFE.

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, may Your blood be upon me and my children. Without it, we are lost and doomed to destruction. **Thank You for standing...**



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