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Atonement = at-one-ment = a reversal of all the alienations begun at the fall of humanity

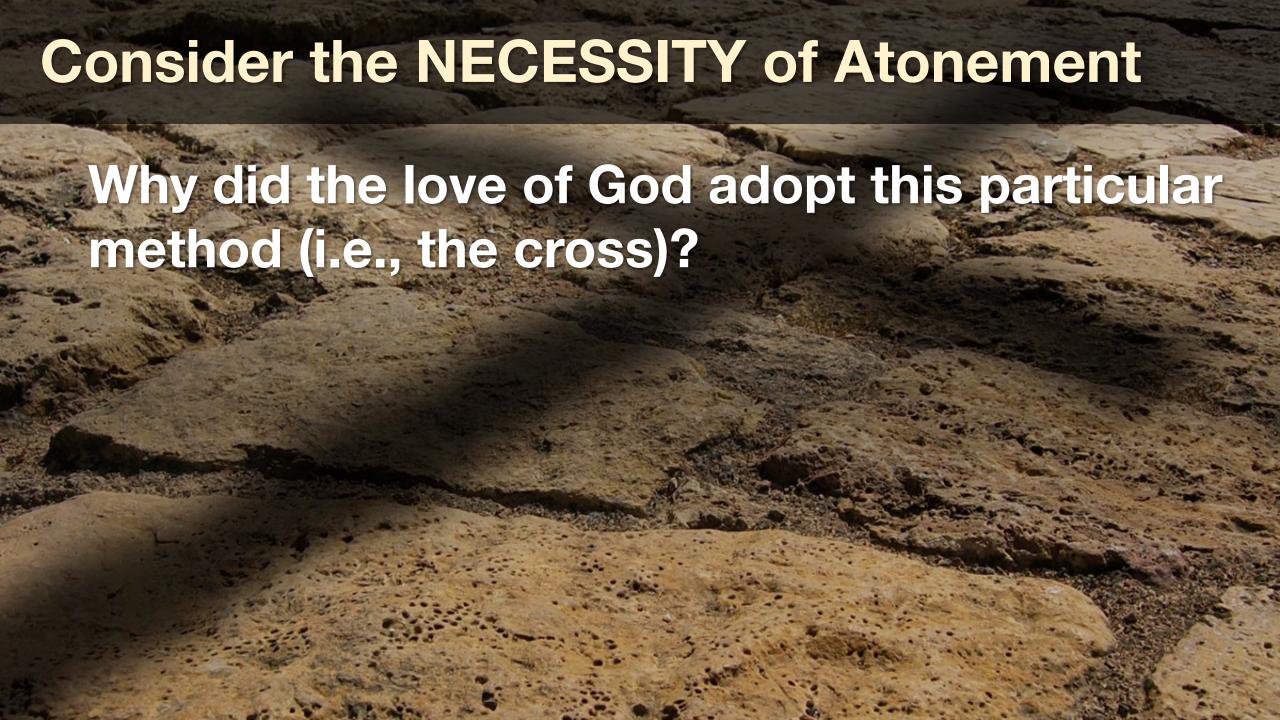
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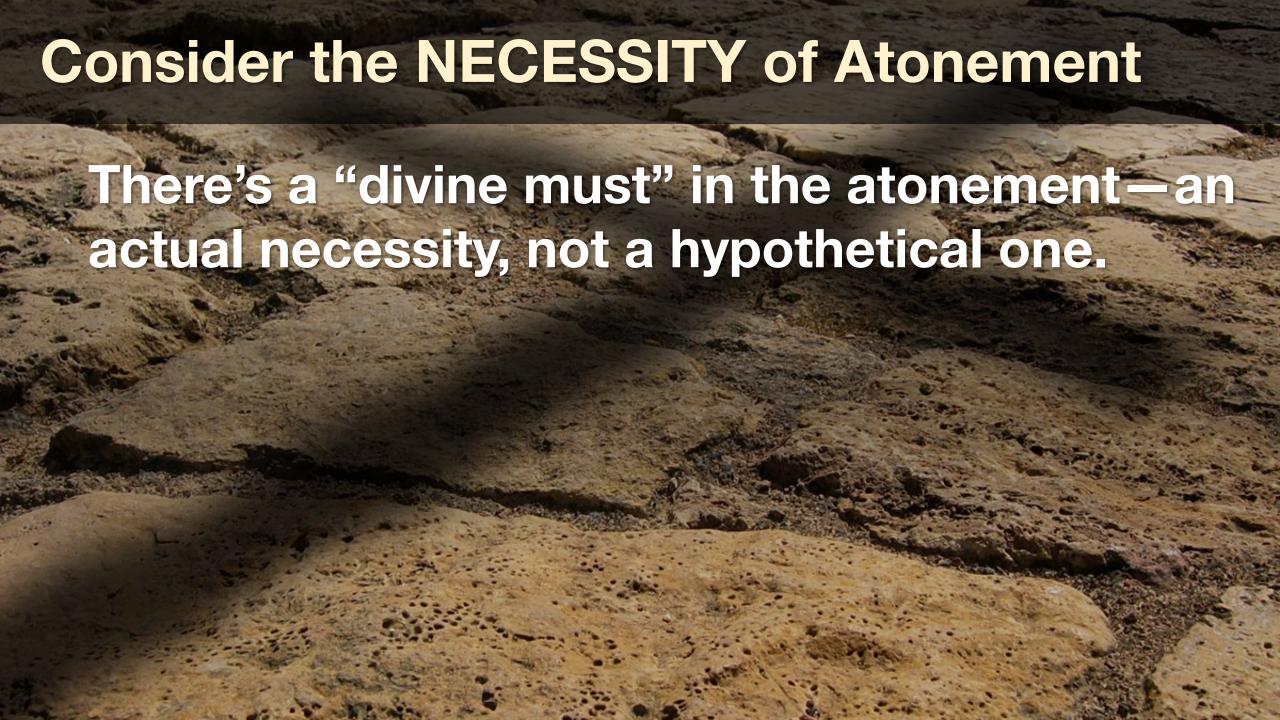


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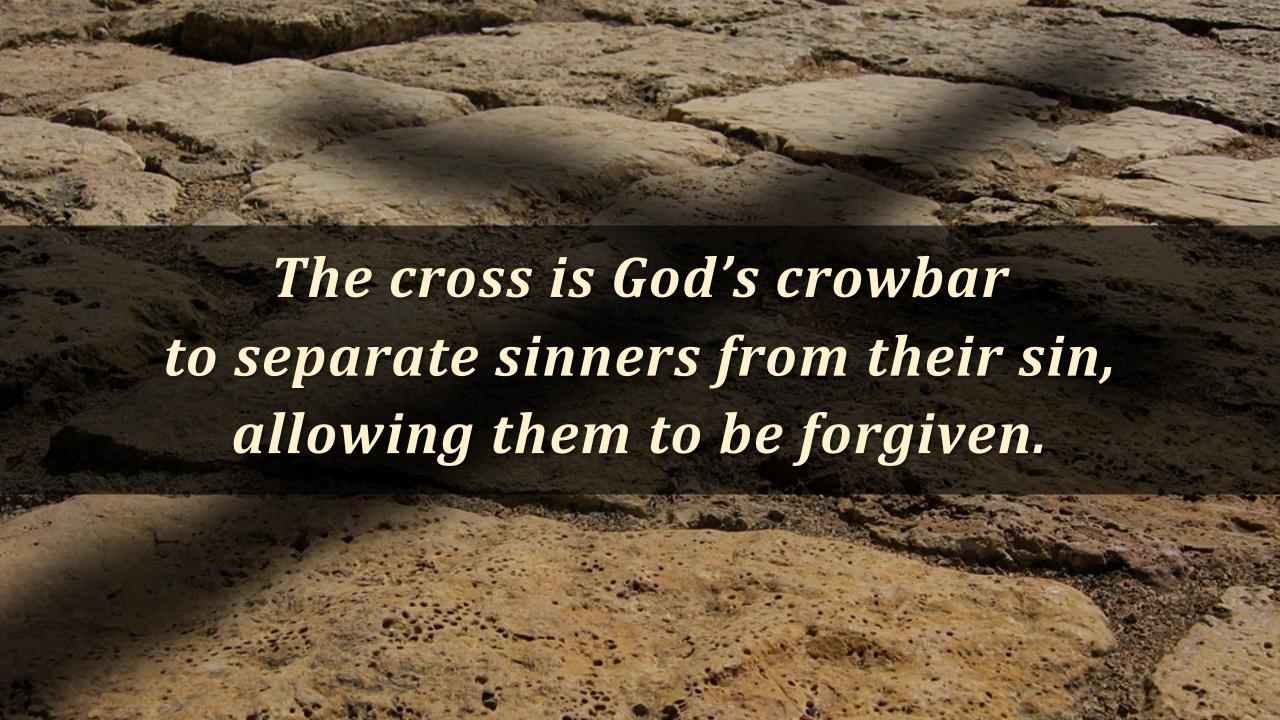
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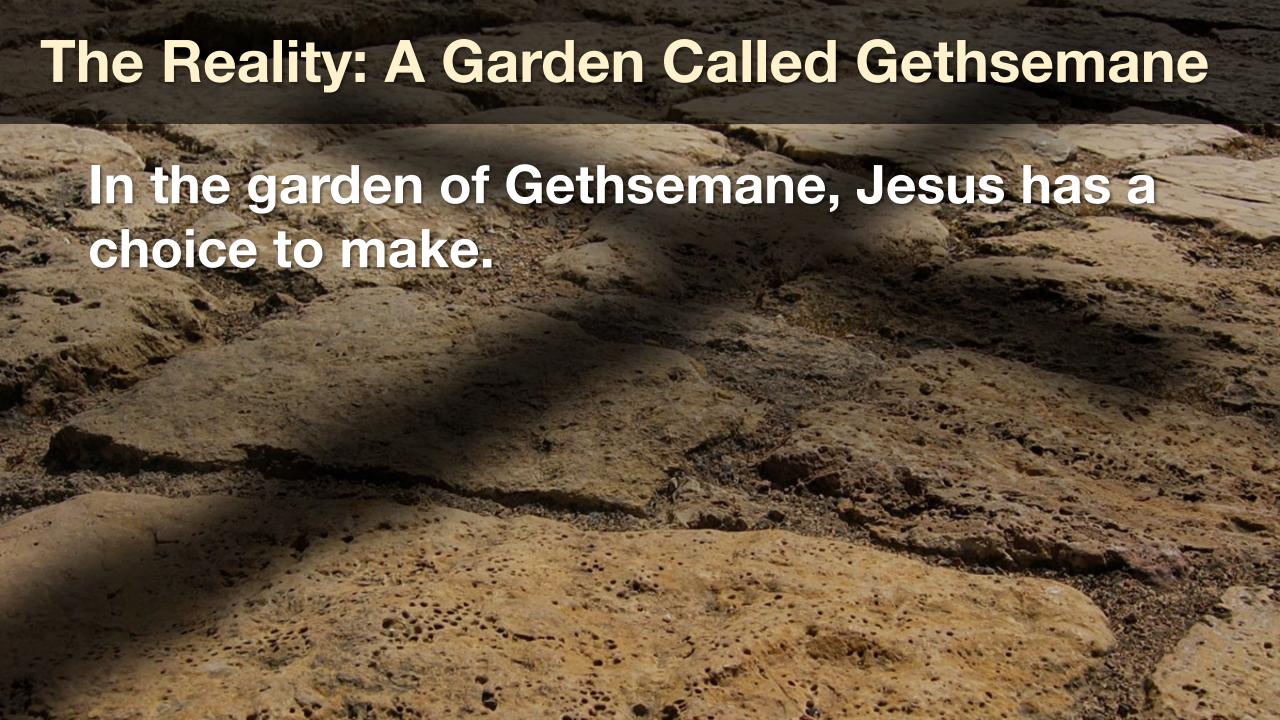
Romans 3:21-26

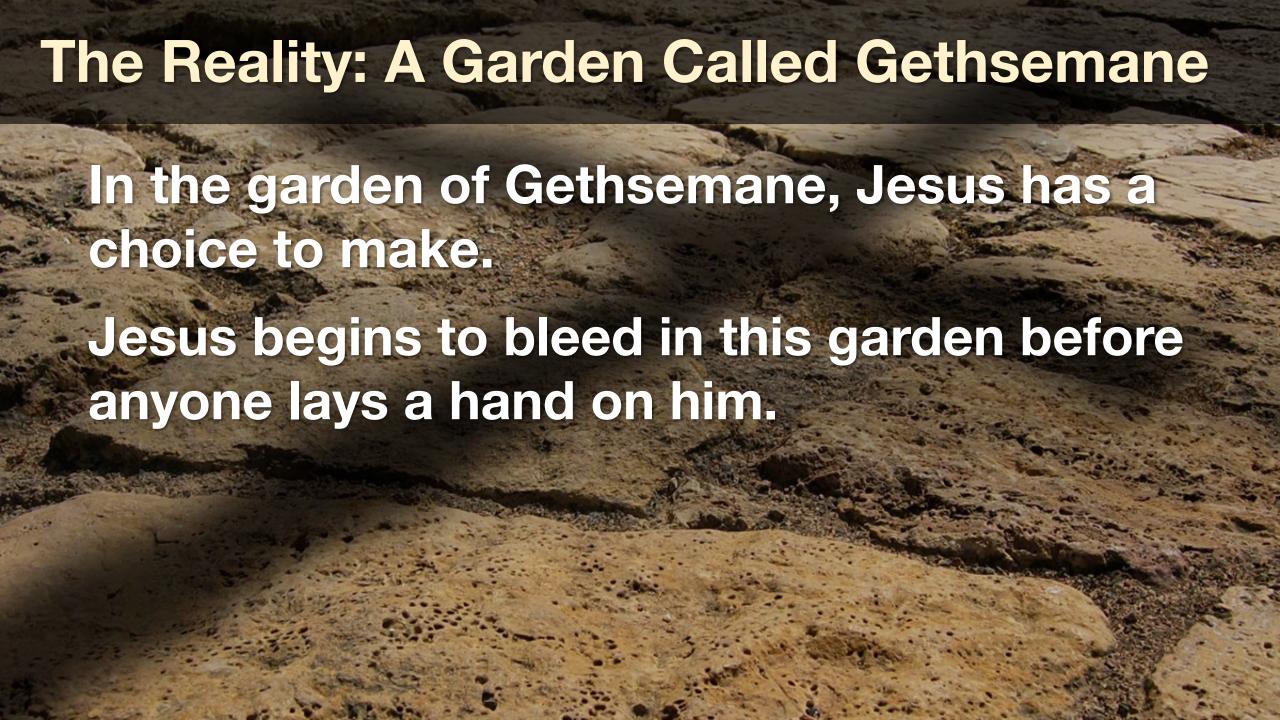
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- **Hebrews 10:1-5**





- In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus has a choice to make.
- Jesus begins to bleed in this garden before anyone lays a hand on him.
- Jesus, the Last Adam, says to God, "Not my will, but thine be done."

