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When considering the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ from an African American worship perspective, two songs have been performed historically within African American churches to express its meaning. Those two songs are traditional African American spirituals entitled "Calvary" and "I Know It Was The Blood."

Calvary

Calvary, Calvary
Calvary, Calvary
Calvary, Calvary
Surely Jesus died on Calvary

(Additional Verses)

Can't you hear the hammer ringing
Can't you hear Him calling His Father
Every Time I Think About Jesus
Sinner Do You Love My Jesus
We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder
Every Round Goes Higher and Higher

I Know It Was The Blood

I know it was the blood
I know it was the blood
I know it was the blood for me
One day when I was lost
Jesus died on the cross
I know it was the blood for me

(Additional Verses)

God gave His only Son
They led Him from hall to hall
They whipped Him all night long
They nailed Him to the tree (in His hands/to the cross)
They pierced Him in his side
The blood came streaming down
He never said a mumbling word
He hung His head and died
They laid Him in a tomb
He got up from the grave
He's coming back again

Find below several You Tube performance links of “Calvary” and “I Know It Was The Blood.” These links highlight congregational, choir and solo performances.

Calvary – Congregation featuring

Not Available

Calvary – Richard Smallwood Singers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kTijC1izuE>

Calvary – Art Song Spiritual – Betty Jackson King featuring Randy Jones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8vdSWzDhtY>

I Know It Was The Blood – Congregation – featuring Dr. C. J. Johnson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bk27v0pMglI>

I Know It Was The Blood – featuring the Gospel Legends Homecoming Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHr3m4qBmco>

I Know It Was The Blood – featuring National Baptist Convention Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGtG9dlEx2w>

I Know It Was The Blood – featuring Mahalia Jackson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0HgauiEQo0>

I Know It Was The Blood - Contemporary Version featuring Arthur Beard and Elements of Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBqTeZWLjNI>