

CRUCIFIXION

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1. Crucifixion!

1. Romans perfected the ultimate form of humiliation, torture, punishment (from the Persians)
2. Jews despised it as a curse (Deut. 21:23; Gal 3:13)

2. The Scourging!

1. Jesus Prophesied it (Matt 20:17-10; Mk 10:32-34; Lk 18:31-34)
2. Pilate Fulfilled it (Matt 27:26; Mk 15:15; Jn 19:1)

3. The Dying!

1. Description:
2. Excruciating = “out of the cross”
 1. Scourging = “little death”
 2. Crucifixion = “big death”

4. The Wounds!

1. *Contused Wounds* – by fists or blunt objects (Matt 26:67; Mk 14:65; Lk 22:63)
2. *Lacerated Wound* – by scourging
3. *Penetrating Wound* – by crown of thorns (Matt 27:29)
4. *Perforated Wound* – by nails to the cross (Ps 22:16)
5. *Incised Wound* – by spear piercing his side (Jn 19:34)

5. The Silent Death

II. SIX HOURS (1)

1. God Divided the Time:

1. *Hour of Beginning: 3rd hour Jewish Time (9:00 am) “Jesus nailed to the cross”*
2. *Hours of Darkness: 6th hour Jewish Time (noon) “Darkness spread over the land”*
3. *Hour of Ending: 9th hour Jewish Time (3:00 pm) “Jesus died on the cross”*

2. Details Not Told

1. Most details left out: “There they crucified Him” (Luke 23:33b)
2. What was the Shape of the Cross?
 1. “X” shaped? Not likely
 2. “T” shaped? Possible, but. . .
 3. “+” shaped? Most likely because. . .
 1. Pilate nailed a sign above Jesus (Matt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Lk 23:38; Jn 19:19)
 2. Called “sign of the cross” around the world
3. How was Jesus Nailed to the Cross? Unknown
4. When was Jesus Resurrected?
 1. Sunday, the first day (Matt. 28:1; Mk 16:2, 9; Lk 24:1-7; Jn 20:1-10)
 2. Church assembled on that day (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2)

5. When was Jesus Crucified? [*we must work backward*]
 1. Jesus raised on “the 3rd day” (Matt 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; 27:63; Mk 9:31; 10:34; Luke 9:22; 13:32; 18:33; 24:7-40)
 2. Crucifixion day = “preparation day”= day before Sabbath (Mk 15:42; Jn 19:31; Lk 23:50-56)

3. The First Three Hours

1. Jesus was offered vinegar with gall as painkiller (Matt 27:34; Mk 15:23)
2. People mocked Jesus to come down (Matt 27:39-44; Mk 15:29-32; Lk 23:35-40)
3. Thieves mocked also (Matt 27:44; Mk 15:28, 32; Lk 23:39-41)
4. Jesus forgave repentant Thief on cross (Lk 23:39-43)
5. Jesus took care of His mother at the Cross:
 1. Mary had sons already (including James and Jude after the resurrection) (Acts 1:13-14)
 2. Only John was present at the Cross (Jn 19:26-27)
 3. Only John cared for her at the Cross when her soul was pierced (Lk 2:34-35).
 4. At the Cross, her Son was the Savior of the world, and her Savior, too!
6. *The cross. . .there is no other way!*