

# The Crucifixion of Jesus

## Introduction

1. I believe that every Christian should be able to discuss how one should view the crucifixion of Jesus with others.
2. Let's begin by reading the text of scripture from Matthew 27:  
**Matthew 27:33-36**
3. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Paul record the death of Christ as a historical event.
  - A. There have been suggestions that Jesus was not real.
  - B. Some have suggested that Jesus did not really die.
    - 1) But the texts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have survived for nearly 2000 years.
4. How should we view the crucifixion of Jesus today?

## The Crucifixion of Jesus Was Real

### 1. It was a real place.

#### A. It was outside the walls of the city.

Hebrews 13:12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

#### B. In Hebrew, Golgotha; in Latin, Calvary – the place of the skull. (John 19:17; Luke 23:33).

#### C. It was a place of death.

### 2. There were real soldiers.

#### A. These were Roman soldiers.

#### B. These soldiers were trained in the art of death.

#### C. These soldiers mocked, spat upon, scourged and then crucified Jesus.

**Matthew 27:27-31**

### 3. There were real people who saw it.

**Matthew 27:39-43**

#### A. Passers by. Chief priests. Scribes. Elders and His mother.

John 19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

### 4. It was a real death.

**Matthew 27:50**

**John 19:33-34**

## The Crucifixion of Jesus Was Personal

### 1. The reasons were personal.

#### A. Power over the people

John 12:19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, **the world has gone after Him!**"

#### B. Matthew 27:18 and Mark 15:10 record that it was for envy that the Jews delivered up Jesus.

#### C. Pilate did not want to lose his job.

**John 19:12**

#### D. For our sins.

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures,

Galatians 1:4 who **gave Himself for our sins**, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

### 2. The suffering was personal.

#### A. The spit that was spat upon Him was very personal.

#### B. The crown of thorns was personally pushed upon His head.

#### C. The scourging personally came in contact with His back.

#### D. The nails very personally pierced his hands and His feet.

#### E. The six hours of torment on the cross was very personal.

### **3. The sacrifice was personal.**

#### **A. It was a choice that Jesus personally made.**

John 10:18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Matthew 26:53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

- 1) We should not think that the one who had power over disease, demons, elements of the earth, and even death itself would die unless it was his own personal choice to do so.**

#### **B. It was the personal body of Jesus that was sacrificed.**

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 10:5-7 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU DID NOT DESIRE, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME. IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES FOR SIN YOU HAD NO PLEASURE. THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME—IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME—TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD."

- 1) Jesus had a body, just like you and I.**

## The Crucifixion of Jesus Was Sacrificial

### 1. His was a sacrificial life.

**A. He left behind everything - Heaven and all its glory!**

**B. He possessed nothing.**

Matthew 8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but **the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.**"

**C. He dedicated everything.**

Matthew 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to **give His life a ransom for many.**"

### 2. His was a sacrificial death.

**A. He certainly did not deserve to die.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**B. He gave His body.**

Luke 22:19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "**This is My body** which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

**C. He gave His blood.**

Matthew 26:28 For **this is My blood** of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

### **3. He sacrificed all.**

#### **A. We are the beneficiaries of His sacrifice.**

Romans 5:6 For when we were still without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

Romans 4:25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

#### **B. Because He sacrificed all, He can ask us to sacrifice all in return for Him.**

##### **Romans 12:1-2**

Galatians 2:20 **I have been crucified with Christ;** it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 6:14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, **and I to the world.**

## **Conclusion**

### **1. What is our response to the crucifixion of Jesus?**

- A. To its reality?**
- B. To its personal nature?**
- C. To its sacrificial nature?**

### **2. Everyone must respond to the crucifixion of Jesus.**

- A. Will you respond with apathy?**
- B. Will you respond with pity?**
- C. Will you response with praise and personal commitment?**

