

Series: The Trials, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Jesus
"The Crucifixion" # 7
Luke 23:33
3-30-18 Good Friday

The six mock trials have taken place. Both Herod and Pilate caved in to the will of the religious leaders to put Jesus to death [v. 25].

All four gospel writers state, "There they crucified him." They don't go into detail but simply state these five words. Isaiah 53 and Ps. 22 go into what Jesus experienced and felt on the cross.

Crucify, crucifixion, or crucified means, "to impale on the cross. The condemned carries his cross to Golgotha, the place of the skull, or Calvary. The condemned is laid prostrate on the wooden cross and nailed to the cross, they are impaled on the cross.

The Persians first developed this form of death or capital punishment because they believed the earth was sacred to their god, and if a criminal died on the earth he would pollute it and defame the name of their deity.

The Phoenicians developed it further looking for a kind of death that would leave a lasting impression on their people. Other methods were too quick and without lingering pain. Crucifixion met their desire for lasting humiliating painful torture and death. The Romans later perfected crucifixion.

Jesus suffered all 5 kinds of wounds known to medical science.

1. *Contusions*- This was the blows to the head by the rod.
2. *Lacerations*- This was the scourging. Jesus was beaten by a flagellum with a wooden handle with long stripes of leather with bits of bones and metal on the tip.

He was stripped from the upper part of the body, tied to a great stone, and beaten with up to 40 lashes they literally tore his back apart.

3. *Penetrating wounds*- This was the crown of thorns with 1 inch thorns set into his head.

4. *Perforating wounds*- This was the nailing to the cross with 5 inch spikes into his hands and feet, but not a bone broken.

The only thing in heaven made by man is the scars upon the body of the Lord Jesus (Rev 5:6).

5. *Incised wounds*- This is the spear that was thrust into his side. They did not do what they were commanded to do (break his legs) but they fulfilled prophecy by doing what they were not supposed to do (pierce his side).

The trials lasted approximately 6 hours beginning at 2 am and ending about 8 am. Six hours on the cross totaling 12 hours. Crucified at 9 am and died at 3 pm while they were killing the Passover lambs.

Before the crucifixion, he was scourged, beaten, spit upon, stripped naked, and mocked. He only asked for a drink at the end.

All the way in these 12 hours I believe Jesus thought of 3 things- you and me, the fulfillment of prophecy, and the joy set before him. When these were taken care of, he thought of Himself.

Today we think of Him as we come to the Lord's Table remembering his death and resurrection **(Luke 22:14-20)**