

SPRING 2024

# TRUE STORIES



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# DOES GOD FEEL PAIN

“HE WAS HUNGRY” - MARK 4:38

“I THIRST” - JOHN 19:28

“HE WAS TIRED FROM THE JOURNEY” - JOHN 4:6

“HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM” - MATTHEW 9:36

“HE WAS FULL OF JOY” - LUKE 10:21

“HE LOOKED AROUND AT THEM IN ANGER AND, DEEPLY DISTRESSED AT THEIR STUBBORN HEARTS.” - MARK 3:5

“TEMPTED IN EVERY WAY, JUST AS WE ARE—YET HE DID NOT SIN.” - HEBREWS 4:15

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# DID JESUS ACTUALLY DIE

[JOHN ANKERBERG PH.D, D.MIN]

“INDEED, SURVIVAL FROM CRUCIFIXION WAS UNKNOWN; JUST AS TODAY, MEN SIMPLY DON NOT SURVIVE THE FIRING SQUAD, ELECTRIC CHAIR, LETHAL INJECTION, OR GAS CHAMBER ... DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION WAS JUST AS CERTAIN AS BY ANY MODERN METHOD OF EXECUTION; THERE WAS NO ESCAPE.”

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{MARK 15:24}

“AND THEY CRUCIFIED HIM.”

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DEEP  
PHYSIOLOGICAL  
SUFFERING



# JESUS KNEW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN

{MARK 10:33-34}

“JESUS SAYS TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED OVER TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW, THEY WILL CONDEMN HIM TO DEATH, HAND HIM OVER TO THE GENTILES, WHO WILL MOCK HIM, SPIT ON HIM, FLOG HIM, AND KILL HIM. THREE DAYS LATER, HE WILL RISE.”

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# JESUS EMOTIONAL PAIN

{MARK 14:34}

“MY SOUL IS EXCEEDINGLY SORROWFUL, EVEN TO DEATH.”

- IMAGINING THE DIFFICULTIES
- ABANDON BY ALL
- BETRAYED WITH A KISS OF A FRIEND
- DENIED BY A BEST FRIEND
- SEPARATED FROM GOD THE FATHER & HOLY SPIRIT
- MOCKED BY THOSE HE MADE, FED, HEALED, AND LOVED
- ROMAN TORTURE – CRUCIFIXION

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# JESUS SWEAT BLOOD

## HEMATOHIDROSIS

- INTENSE LEVELS OF STRESS
- BLOOD VESSELS RUPTURE INTO THE SWEAT GLANDS
- HEMORRHAGE INTO DUCTS OF SWEAT GLANDS
- INTENSIFIES PAIN TO THE NERVE ENDINGS OF THE SKIN

DEEP  
PHYSIOLOGICAL  
SUFFERING



# PSYCHOLOGIST'S DIAGNOSIS

## TORTURED TO THIS EXTENT

- ABANDONMENT
- ACUTE STRESS DISORDER
- COMPLEX POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER
- DISSOCIATIVE SYMPTOMS
- DEHUMANIZATION
- DEPRESSION
- HYPERAROUSAL
- NEUROENDOCRINE PERMANENT CHANGES
- SOMATIC SYMPTOMS
- EXISTENTIAL CRISIS

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**ARREST  
&  
TRIAL****JESUS ILLEGALLY TRIED****{MARK 14:46}****“THEN THEY LAID THEIR HANDS ON HIM AND TOOK HIM.”****{MARK 14:50}****“THEN THEY ALL FORSOOK HIM AND FLED.”****{MARK 14:53}****“AND THEY LED JESUS AWAY TO THE HIGH PRIEST; AND WITH HIM WERE ASSEMBLED  
ALL THE CHIEF PRIESTS, THE ELDERS, AND THE SCRIBES.”****C R U C I F I X I O N O F J E S U S**

**ARREST  
&  
TRIAL****PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS****ARREST & TRIAL**

- CERVICO-BRACHIAL RESTRAINT
- FORCED AMBULATION UNDER DURESS
- MECHANICAL TRAUMA FROM DRAGGING
- COMPULSORY ORTHOSTASIS
- INDUCED ACUTE INSOMNIA

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**ARREST  
&  
TRIAL****NO FAULT FOUND IN HIM****6 TRIALS OVER ALL**

- 1) ANNAS – JEWISH HIGH PRIEST
- 2) CAIAPHAS – ROMAN APPOINTED PRIEST
- 3) SANHEDRIN – JEWISH COUNCIL
- 4) PONTIUS PILATE – ROMAN GOVERNOR
- 5) HEROD – ROMAN APPOINTED KING
- 6) PONTIUS PILATE – ROMAN GOVERNOR

**C R U C I F I X I O N O F J E S U S**

ARREST & TRIAL  
-  
DEATH SENTENCE



# CALL FOR THE DEATH OF JESUS

{MARK 15:6-15}

“NOW AT THE FEAST HE WAS ACCUSTOMED TO RELEASING ONE PRISONER TO THEM, WHOMEVER THEY REQUESTED. AND THERE WAS ONE NAMED BARABBAS, WHO WAS CHAINED WITH HIS FELLOW REBELS; THEY HAD COMMITTED MURDER IN THE REBELLION. THEN THE MULTITUDE, CRYING ALOUD, BEGAN TO ASK HIM TO DO JUST AS HE HAD ALWAYS DONE FOR THEM. BUT PILATE ANSWERED THEM, SAYING, “DO YOU WANT ME TO RELEASE TO YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?” FOR HE KNEW THAT THE CHIEF PRIESTS HAD HANDED HIM OVER BECAUSE OF ENVY. BUT THE CHIEF PRIESTS STIRRED UP THE CROWD, SO THAT HE SHOULD RATHER RELEASE BARABBAS TO THEM. PILATE ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM AGAIN, “WHAT THEN DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH HIM WHOM YOU CALL THE KING OF THE JEWS?”

SO THEY CRIED OUT AGAIN, “CRUCIFY HIM!”

THEN PILATE SAID TO THEM, “WHY, WHAT EVIL HAS HE DONE?”

BUT THEY CRIED OUT ALL THE MORE, “CRUCIFY HIM!”

SO PILATE, WANTING TO GRATIFY THE CROWD, RELEASED BARABBAS TO THEM; AND HE DELIVERED JESUS, AFTER HE HAD SCOURGED HIM, TO BE CRUCIFIED.”

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**FLOGGING  
-  
SCOURGING**



# THEY SCOURGED JESUS

**[JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION]**

“AS THE ROMAN SOLDIERS REPEATEDLY STRUCK THE VICTIM’S BACK WITH FULL FORCE, THE IRON BALLS WOULD CAUSE DEEP CONTUSIONS, AND THE LEATHER THROGS AND SHEEP BONES WOULD CUT INTO THE SKIN AND SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUES. THEN, AS THE FLOGGING CONTINUED, THE LACERATIONS WOULD TEAR INTO THE UNDERLAYING SKELETAL MUSCLES AND PRODUCE QUIVERING RIBBONS OF BLEEDING FLESH.”

**[MARTYRDOM OF POLYCARP]**

“FOR EVEN WHEN THE CHRISTIANS WERE SO TORN BY WHIPS THAT THE INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF THEIR FLESH WAS VISIBLE AS FAR AS THE VEINS AND ARTERIES, THEY ENDURED SO PATIENTLY THAT EVEN THE BYSTANDERS HAD PITY AND WEPT.”

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FLOGGING  
-  
SCOURGING



# PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS

## FLOGGING

- SEVERE CUTANEOUS & SUBCUTANEOUS TRAUMA
- HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK
- COMPROMISED MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEMS
- VISCERAL EXPOSURE
- SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATION RESPONSE SYNDROME

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**ASSAULTED  
&  
TORTURED**



# JESUS WAS BEAT UP AFTERWARD

**{MARK 15:16-20}**

**“THEN THE SOLDIERS LED HIM AWAY INTO THE HALL CALLED PRAETORIUM, AND THEY CALLED TOGETHER THE WHOLE GARRISON. AND THEY CLOTHED HIM WITH PURPLE; AND THEY TWISTED A CROWN OF THORNS, PUT IT ON HIS HEAD, AND BEGAN TO SALUTE HIM, “HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!” THEN THEY STRUCK HIM ON THE HEAD WITH A REED AND SPAT ON HIM; AND BOWING THE KNEE, THEY WORSHIPED HIM. AND WHEN THEY HAD MOCKED HIM, THEY TOOK THE PURPLE OFF HIM, PUT HIS OWN CLOTHES ON HIM, AND LED HIM OUT TO CRUCIFY HIM.”**

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# PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS

## ASSAULT

- FACIAL CONTUSIONS & LACERATIONS
- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
- HEMATOMA FORMATION
- SCALP LACERATIONS & HEMORRHAGE



MOCKED  
&  
TORTURED



# JESUS WAS MOCKED THROUGHOUT

{MARK 15:22-24}

“THEN THEY COMPELLED A CERTAIN MAN, SIMON A CYRENIAN, THE FATHER OF ALEXANDER AND RUFUS, AS HE WAS COMING OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND PASSING BY, TO BEAR HIS CROSS. AND THEY BROUGHT HIM TO THE PLACE GOLGOTHA, WHICH IS TRANSLATED, PLACE OF A SKULL. THEN THEY GAVE HIM WINE MINGLED WITH MYRRH TO DRINK, BUT HE DID NOT TAKE IT. AND WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED HIM, THEY DIVIDED HIS GARMENTS, CASTING LOTS FOR THEM TO DETERMINE WHAT EVERY MAN SHOULD TAKE.”

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MOCKED  
&  
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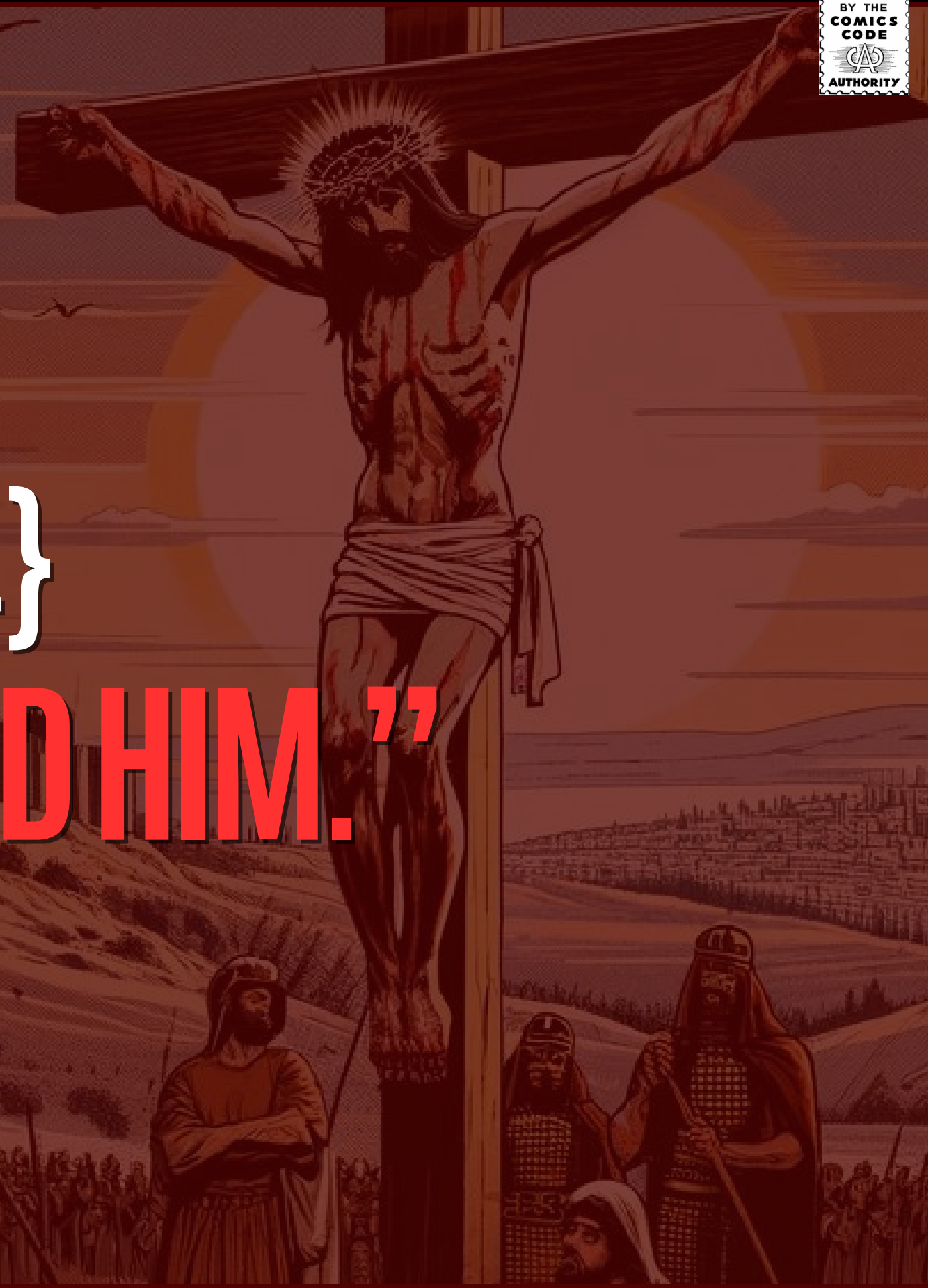
# PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS

MOCKED

- PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION AND STRAIN
- WORSENING OF WOUNDS
- PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF PUBLIC HUMILIATION
- DEHYDRATION
- UNSANITARY INTRODUCTION OF PATHOGENS
- EXPOSURE, VULNERABILITY, AND HYPOTHERMIA

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CRUCIFIED



{MARK 15:24}

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# THEY CRUCIFIED JESUS

[CICERO]

“THE MOST CRUEL AND HIDEOUS OF TORTURES ... EXTREME AND ULTIMATE PENALTY FOR A SLAVE ... EVEN THE ROMAN PITIED THE VICTIMS.”

[FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS]

“THE MOST WRETCHED DEATHS.”

[ALEXANDER METHERELL, M.D., PH.D.]

“IN FACT, IT WAS LITERALLY BEYOND WORDS TO DESCRIBE; THEY HAD TO INVENT A NEW WORD: EXCRUCIATING. LITERALLY, EXCRUCIATING MEANS ‘OUT OF THE CROSS’. THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE LANGUAGE THAT COULD DESCRIBE THE INTENSE ANGUISH CAUSED DURING CRUCIFIXION.”

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CRUCIFIED



# PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS

CRUCIFIED

- MEDIAN NEUROVASCULAR INJURY
- MUSCULOSKELETAL STRAIN & DISLOCATION
- RESPIRATORY DISTRESS
- HYPOXEMIC HYPOXIA
- CARDIAC RUPTURE
- PERICARDIAL EFFUSION
- HEMOTHORAX

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## CAUSE OF DEATH



## MEDICAL ANALYSIS

## DEAD ON ARRIVAL

- +SEVERE HYPOVOLEMIC SHOCK
- +CONCUSSIONS
- +RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME
- +HEART FAILURE
- +SEPSIS
- +DEEP LACERATIONS
- +SEVERE BLOOD LOSS
- +POST-MORTEM ORGAN WOUND

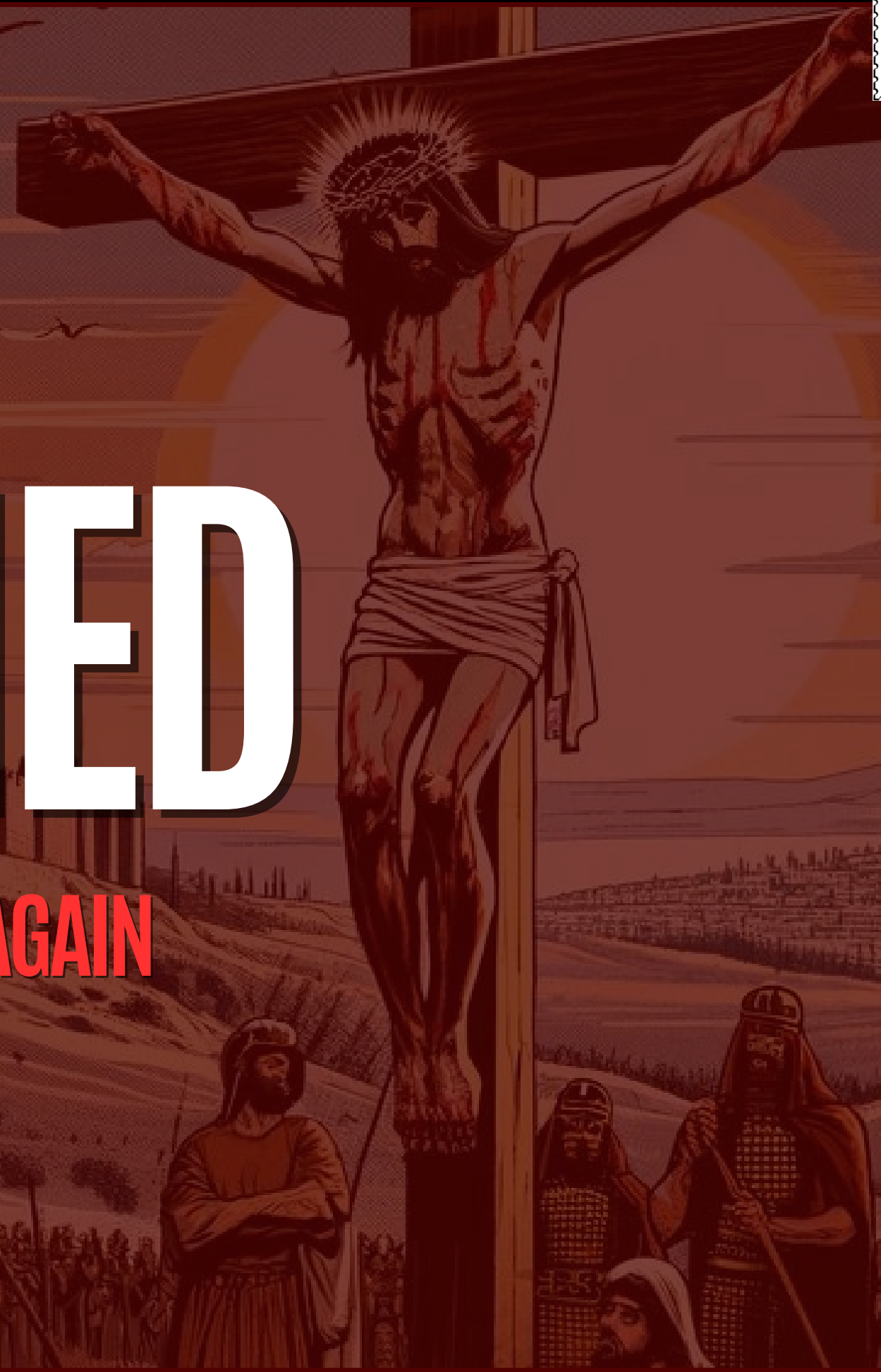
## NO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- +NO BLOOD TRANSFUSION
- +NO AGGRESSIVE FLUID RESUSCITATION
- +NO ANTIBIOTICS
- +NO RESPIRATORY CARE
- +NO DEFIBRILLATION
- +NO SURGICAL INTERVENTION



# JESUS DIED

DEAD - NEVER TO BE REVIVED AGAIN





# WHY IS JESUS DYING ON A CROSS SO IMPORTANT

{JOHN 3:16}

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.”

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# WHAT HAPPENS TO SURVIVING TORTURE VICTIMS

## PHYSIOLOGICALLY TORTURED

- +IRRITABILITY
- +PANIC ATTACKS
- +HOPELESSNESS
- +WORTHLESSNESS
- +GUILT
- +FEAR
- +DIFFICULTY TRUSTING
- +ISOLATION
- +WITHDRAWING SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

- +FLASHBACKS
- +NIGHTMARES
- +EMOTIONAL NUMBNESS
- +DIFFICULTY CONTROLLING EMOTIONS
- +DISTRUST IN OTHERS
- +PERSISTENT SENSE OF HELPLESSNESS
- +DEPRESSION
- +ANXIETY
- +INSOMNIA



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## JESUS HAS NO SUCH SIDE EFFECTS

“TELL MY DISCIPLES I’LL MEET YOU IN GALILEE ... ESPECIALLY PETER” - **MARK 16:7**

“PEACE BE WITH YOU.” - **JOHN 20:19**

“SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.” - **MATTHEW 28:20**

“YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES.” - **ACTS 1:8**

“MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.” - **2 CORINTHIANS 12:9**

“I AM THE LIVING ONE; I WAS DEAD, BEHOLD, I AM ALIVE FOR EVER AND EVER!” - **REVELATION 1:18**

“HE WILL WIPE EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES. THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH OR MOURNING OR CRYING OR PAIN, FOR THE OLD ORDER OF THINGS HAS PASSED AWAY. BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.” - **REVELATION 21:4-5**

“BEHOLD, I AM COMING QUICKLY, AND MY REWARD IS WITH ME.” - **REVELATION 22:7**

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## HAS JESUS HEALED YOU

{ISAIAH 53:4-6}

“SURELY HE HAS BORNE OUR GRIEFS  
AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS;  
YET WE ESTEEMED HIM STRICKEN,  
SMITTEN BY GOD, AND AFFLICTED.  
BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS,  
HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES;  
THE CHASTISEMENT FOR OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM,  
AND BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.  
ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY;  
WE HAVE TURNED, EVERY ONE, TO HIS OWN WAY;  
AND THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.”

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# WHY IS JESUS DYING ON A CROSS SO IMPORTANT

{1 PETER 2:24}

“HE HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS IN HIS BODY ON THE CROSS, SO THAT WE MIGHT DIE TO SINS AND LIVE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS; BY HIS WOUNDS YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED.”

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