



Christian Apologetics

Session 11: Resurrection of Jesus (Part 1)

How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

Jesus' Death / Resurrection

(Why Resurrection is Important)

The apostles testified powerfully to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 4:33

And if Christ has not been **raised**, then all
our preaching is **useless**,
and your faith is **useless**.

1 Corinthians 15:14



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Death by Crucifixion

(Big Idea)

Jesus died a **certain death** by crucifixion
and
was buried in a **sealed** tomb **secured** by
highly trained guards



How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

Death by Crucifixion

(Extra-Biblical Testimony)

Christus, the founder of the name,
was **put to death** by Pontius Pilate.

Christus suffered the **extreme penalty** at
the hands of one of our procurators,
Pontius Pilate.

Cornelius Tacitus – Roman Historian 115 A.D.



How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

Death by Crucifixion

(Extra-Biblical Testimony)

A man (Jesus) was **crucified**.

These misguided creatures worship
the **crucified** sage.

Lucian of Samosata - Greek Writer 165 A.D.



How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

Death by Crucifixion

(Extra-Biblical Testimony)

Pilate condemned him to be
crucified and to **die**.

They reported that he had appeared
to them three days after his
crucifixion and that he was **alive**.

Flavius Josephus - Jewish Historian 90-95 A.D.



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Death by Crucifixion

(Extra-Biblical Testimony)

Yeshu (Jesus) was **hanged**
on the evening of the Passover.

Jewish Talmud 135-200 A.D.



How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

Death by Crucifixion

(Extra-Biblical Profile)

Jesus was **condemned**

Jesus **died** by **crucifixion**

Jesus was allegedly **raised** to life

Jesus was ignorantly regarded as a **sage**



How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

Death by Crucifixion

(Eyewitness Accounts – Apostle John)

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. v25

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Jesus said, “It is finished,” and he **bowed his head** and gave up his spirit. v30

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One of the soldiers **pierced his side** with a spear. v34

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For these things took place that the **Scripture might be fulfilled.** v36

John 19



# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Eyewitness Accounts – His Disciples)

**All those who knew him**, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, **stood at a distance, watching these things.**

Luke 23:49 (NIV), also Mark 15:40-41



# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Eyewitness Accounts – General Public)

“**many people** from all over the country”

“They kept looking for Jesus”

John 11:55-56

“**A large crowd** of Passover visitors”

John 12:9-13



# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Swoon Theory)

Jesus **lost consciousness**  
due to **extreme exhaustion**  
and then was **resuscitated**  
after a 3-day **rest** in the tomb.



# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Injuries)

### Emotional Distress

Sweating Blood

Vomiting

Dehydration

Luke 22:44





# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion (Injuries)

### Crown of Thorns

## Damaged Trigeminal & Occipital Nerves

Matthew 27:27-30, Mark 15:16-19



# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Injuries)

### Beatings

Severe Head Trauma

Fractured Jaw

Other Fractures

Matthew 26:67-68, Mark 14:65, Luke 22:63-64

Matthew 27:27-30, Mark 15:16-19





# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Injuries)

### Scourging

Heavy Blood Loss

Lacerated Liver, Spleen, Others

Punctured Lung

Fluid Buildup in Lung's Pleural Lining

Periodic Vomiting, Tremors, Seizures

John 19:1-2



# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Injuries)

### Crucifixion

Severed Median Nerves Wrists/Hands

Severed Plantar Nerves Ankles/Feet

Pierced of Pleura, Lung, Heart

Inability to Exhale (asphyxiation)

Cardiac Arrest

Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19



# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Disfigurement)

Many were **appalled** at him – his appearance was so **disfigured** beyond that of any human being and his form **marred** beyond human likeness.”

Isaiah 52:14 NLT



# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Certainty of Jesus' Burial)

“Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as **secure** as you know how.” So, they went and made the tomb **secure** by putting a **seal** on the stone and **posting** the guard.

Matthew 27:65-66 (NIV)



# How Can I Know Jesus Died by Crucifixion?

## Death by Crucifixion

(Prophecy Fulfillment)

Messiah **Crucified** with Criminals

Isaiah 53

Messiah's Hands and Feet **Pierced**

Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Zechariah 12,23

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(Prophecy Fulfillment)

Our courts oppose the righteous, and  
justice is nowhere to be found.

Truth stumbles in the streets,  
and honesty has been outlawed.

Yes, truth is gone.

Isaiah 59:14-15 NLT





# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Reflection

Q1: How does this teaching help shape your understanding of Jesus **final days** on earth?

Q2: Which of the evidence from today's teaching did you find **most compelling** regarding Jesus' death?

Q3: How will today's teaching help you better **reflect** on Jesus' sacrifice for sin during the observation of **Communion**?

Q4: What was your biggest **takeaway** from today's teaching?

BONUS: **What** do you believe to be true about God based on today's teaching? **Why** do you believe it to be true?

