



I. WHY JESUS ENDURED SUCH TERRIBLE TREATMENT

Jesus received what I deserved – so that I could receive what He deserved.

II. SETTING THE SCENE - JOHN 18:1-40

1. Jesus is betrayed and arrested (v.1-3)
2. Jesus speaks to the Judas and the soldiers (v.4-6)
3. Jesus endures several illegal and unfair trials (v.7-40)

III. JESUS FINAL TRIAL BEFORE PILATE – JOHN 19:1-22

1. Pilate has Jesus flogged (v.1)

The Roman legionnaire steps forward with the flagrum (or flagellum) in his hand. This is a short whip consisting of several heavy leather thongs with two small balls of lead attached near the ends of each...The heavy whip is brought down with full force again and again across Jesus' shoulders, back and legs. At first the heavy thongs cut through the skin only. Then as the blows continue, they cut deeper into the subcutaneous issues, producing first an oozing of blood from the capillaries and veins of the skin, and finally spurting arterial bleeding from vessels underlying the muscles. The small balls of lead first produce large deep bruises which are broken by subsequent blows. Finally the skin of the back is hanging in long ribbons and the entire area is an unrecognizable mass of torn, bleeding tissue. When it is determined by the Centurion in charge that the prisoner is near death, the beating is finally stopped

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2. Pilate allows the soldiers to mock Jesus (v.2-3)

3. Pilate presents Jesus to the mob (v.4-8)

4. Pilate talks to Jesus (v.9-11)

5. Pilate gives into the religious leaders (v.12-15)

6. Pilate turns Jesus over to be crucified (v.16-22)

Apparently to make doubly sure of death the legionnaire drove his lance through the fifth interspace between the ribs, upward through the pericardium and into the heart. The 34th verse of the 19th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John: "And immediately there came out blood and water." Thus there was an escape of watery fluid from the sac surrounding the heart. We therefore have rather conclusive post-mortem evidence that Our Lord died, not the usual crucifixion death by suffocation, but of heart failure due to shock and constriction of the heart by fluid in the pericardium

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His eyes are flames of fire. On his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him, but only he knows what it is. He wears clothes dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven, wearing pure, white linen, follow him on white horses. A sharp sword comes out of his mouth to defeat the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter and tread the winepress of the fierce anger of God Almighty. On his clothes and his thigh he has a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.

Revelation 19:12-16 (GWT)

III. MY CALLING AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

God called you to endure suffering because Christ suffered for you. He left you an example so that you could follow in his footsteps.

1 Peter 2:21 (GWT)

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,

Philippians 1:29 (NIV)

My friends, do not be surprised at the terrible trouble which now comes to test you. Do not think that something strange is happening to you. But be happy that you are sharing in Christ's sufferings so that you will be happy and full of joy when Christ comes again in glory.

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NCV)