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A Group of People Who Love the Lord

The Death of Jesus



In the "Synoptic Gospels", the story of Jesus' crucifixion is told from three distinct points of view. There are some variations in the narrative, *"but striking similarities" between the first three Gospels prompt questions regarding the actual literary relationship between them.*" Britannica.com

John's Gospel is represented from a different point of view than those of Matthey, Mark and Luke. John gives faithful testimony when he says,

"And he who has seen has borne witness and his witness is true; and he knows he is telling the truth so that you also may believe." John 19:35 NLT

There are quotes and events in Matthew, Mark, and Luke that are missing from John's Gospel. Here are a few.

- The cry, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46
- The three hours of darkness, Matthew 27:45
- The tearing of the veil of the temple, Matthew 27:51
- The Testimony of the Centurion, "This man truly was the Son of God!" Matthew 27:54

"The Crucifixion" John 19:16-27 (NLT)

"Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus away. Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha). There they nailed him to the cross. Two others were crucified with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. And Pilate posted a sign over him that read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.'

"The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it. Then the leading priests objected and said to Pilate, 'Change it from 'The King of the Jews' to 'He said, I am King of the Jews.''" Pilate replied, "No, what I have written, I have written.

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"Read your Bible and pray every day and Grow Grow Grow!"

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"When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among the four of them. They also took his robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said, 'Rather than tearing it apart, let's throw dice for it. This fulfilled the Scripture that says, 'They divided my garments among themselves and threw dice for my clothing.' So that is what they did. Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, 'Dear woman, here is your son.' And he said to this disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from then on this disciple took her into his home."

The death of Jesus, John 19:28-37 (NLT)

"Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, 'I am thirsty.' A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. When Jesus had tasted it, he said, 'It is finished!' Then he bowed his head and released his spirit. It was the day of preparation, and the Jewish leaders didn't want the bodies hanging there the next day, which was the Sabbath (and a very special Sabbath, because it was the Passover). So they asked Pilate to hasten their deaths by ordering that their legs be broken. Then their bodies could be taken down.

"So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out. (This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account. He speaks the truth so that you also can believe.) These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, 'Not one of his bones will be broken,' and 'They will look on the one they pierced.'"

They had flogged him with a lead-tipped whip and placed a woven crown of thorns and a royal purple robe on him. He was mocked and slapped across the face. Pilate had found Him innocent, but the Jews wanted him dead, crucified.

We know that He died that we might live! The power of what occurred that day, though, is not found in his death. The power of what was accomplished is found in His resurrection. ***We, through His resurrection, have been granted eternal life. There is sorrow in the cost but great joy in the outcome!***

Chris Schaefer