

The Treatment Of The Body of Jesus

John 19:31–42

The Apostle John presents the treatment of the body of Jesus in three major stages. The pronouncement of Jesus' death, the preparation of the body of Jesus for burial and the placement of the body of Jesus in the tomb.

I. The Pronouncement of Death.

A. The pronouncement was Initiated by the hypocrisy of the Jewish Religious Leaders. v.31

Matthew 23:23–33 Jesus assessment of the hypocrisy of the Jewish religious leaders.

Deuteronomy 21:22 “If a man has committed a sin worthy of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, **23** his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for he who is hanged is accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

In this scene we see religious pride at its worst.

In this scene we see spiritual blindness at its worst.

In this scene we see the evil unbelieving heart of **Hebrews 3:12**

B. The pronouncement was punctuated by the unplanned act of a Roman Soldier. v.32–34

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C. The pronouncement was substantiated by the Holy Spirit inspired writing of John. v.35–37

1. Jesus' death is a fulfillment of Scripture thus was ordained by God.

Psalm 34:15–21

The significance Psalm 34:20 being fulfilled.

Points to Jesus being the lamb of God who came to take away the sin of the world.

Exodus 12:46 “It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.

Numbers 9:12 ‘They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.

The Significance of Zechariah 12:10 being fulfilled.

Points to the Lion of the Tribe of Judah who will come to bring restoration of all things.

Acts 3:19–21

2. Jesus truly did experience physical death.

Hebrews 2:14–15

Satan desires to destroy God's most precious creation.

John told us in chapter 8:44 that the devil has been a murderer from the beginning.

Man's fear of death robs man of peace and joy.