

Was Jesus' Death Real?

EVIDENCE:

Mark 15:22-47

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With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last.

Mark 15:37 (NIV)

Why Is This Significant?

1. His death is the reason He _____

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28 (NIV)

2. His death provides our _____

“This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Matthew 26:28 (NIV)

3. His death defeated _____

He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 3:8 (NIV)

4. His death demonstrated His _____

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

How Do I Know Jesus Was Really Dead?

1. Could It Be The _____?

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus... Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

Matthew 27:57, 61 (NIV)

2. Perhaps Jesus Was an _____?

After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:6 (NIV)

3. Could Jesus Have _____?

The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

John 19:32-34 (NIV)

4. Could someone Have _____?

“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)

Does It Make A Difference?

1. It gives us _____ for the _____ – John 14:1

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me.”

John 14:1 (NIV)

2. It gives me _____ – 1 Cor. 15:14, 20

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith... But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!

1 Corinthians 15:14, 20 (NIV)

3. It provides an _____ for _____ – 2 Cor. 5:21

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)