

Cross: God Dies

Question and Answer

- Good question. He says when Jesus is being crucified and then he dies the Bible says that a Roman soldier took a spear and ran it through his side. Medical experts tend to concur that it probably went under his rib cage and punctured his heart sack. And your heart as I understand it, I'm no cardiologist, there's blood and water and they're separated. When the heart is perforated, they are commingled. And so by showing that water and blood flowed from his side, it is indicative that the spear actually punctured his heart. And so the section of blood and the section of water commingled and flowed forth together. It's showing the full death of Jesus and we'll get into that in the next lecture. And we get into the resurrection because let's say some, I would call them Muslim scholars in quotes say that Jesus didn't die on the cross, that he swooned. That he passed out and then he came back. But the spear, in addition to the crucifixion, in addition to the burial, all is indicative that he was, he died. He died. That's the big idea. It's incontrovertible evidence of the death of Jesus. The first witnesses at the empty tomb were women.

- [Congregant] What happened to the Roman soldiers?

- What happened to the Roman soldiers? We don't know. So we're gonna get into that next week. You got to come back or not next week, next lecture, you gonna come back. So it's the third day, the women go to visit the tomb, they get there, Jesus is gone. And there's an angel there, says, "He's risen." They go back into town, they tell Peter, John. Peter and John run back, the tomb is empty and there's no sign of the Roman soldier. I don't know what happened. I do know this, that God has angelic soldiers that even one soldier was appointed after sin entered the world in Genesis 3, with a sword guard the tree of life so that we would not live forever separated from God. That the Bible will talk about archangels and princes in places like Daniel. And it's speaking of maybe not just angelic but other supernatural spiritual beings that are part of God's divine army. And when you hear the language in the Bible of the heavenly host those are God's, his soldiers in the unseen realm. So I don't know but there was a soldier there, it just wasn't the one soldier, was God's soldier. And it just goes to show when all is said and done, the only soldiers left are gonna be God's soldiers. It was a known place, it was called Golgotha, place of the skull. I've been to Israel and it looks literally a skull in rock and there is a graveyard on top. It is today, a Muslim graveyard so you're not allowed to be there but in the day of Jesus, it was believed that they probably crucified him in that place because as you're walking through Jerusalem, you can see it, it's very obvious. But everyone knew where it was, it's on the top of a plateau. You can walk there, you can go there. It was a place that was open to the public. Now regarding whether or not somebody was in fact present to hear the final words of Jesus. John tells us in, look it up, 1 John, he tells us right at the beginning of his letter of 1 John, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard". John's not just saying I heard it, he said we heard it. "That which is from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our own eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our own hands concerning the word of life. The life was made manifest and we have seen it and testified to it and proclaim to you eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us; that which we have seen

and heard, we proclaim to you so that you too may have fellowship with us: and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." John says I was there. I saw it. I heard it. I touched him. I knew him and we were all there and we're here to tell you to trust in him so that you can make our joy complete.