

A BROKEN SAVIOR!

Mark 15:16-20

INTRODUCTION: Immediately after the last supper, Jesus and His disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. That garden was located on the Mount of Olives. Jesus and His disciples often retreated to this garden for times of prayer and rest. This olive grove was only about four hundred yards from the Temple in Jerusalem. It was here that Jesus agonized over what was to come the following day: Matthew 26:1-5.

I. THE COST OF OUR SALVATION!

Yes, our Lord knew the high price He would pay for our salvation. On the cross our Lord would bear not only the wrath of man but also the wrath of God so that God could take His wrath off from us. Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 2:8-9. Yes, Jesus knew He would raise from the dead, but before the resurrection must come the death. On the cross, the Holy One of God would bear the sins of all mankind: 1 Peter 2:24. Jesus knew He would be highly exalted but before the exaltation it would be the Father's good pleasure to crush Him: Isaiah 53:10-12. Because Jesus knew all this when He went into the Garden of Gethsemane it caused Him to sweat blood: Luke 22:39-46. This is called hemotodrosis and is very uncommon. It is caused by extreme psychological stress. Jesus was beaten with a whip with leather thongs with pieces of metal and sharp bone tied to them, even though two Roman courts found Him innocent. Mark 15:16-20, tells us how the soldiers put a crown of thorns on His head and beat and spit on Him.

II. THE CRUCIFIXION OF OUR LORD!

At the third hour, nine a.m., they laid Jesus down on the cross and pounded the nails into His lower wrist which caused excruciating pain. A nail was driven through His feet. As the cross thumped into the hole Jesus shoulders would have been dislocated by the sudden hitting of the bottom of the cross in the bottom of the hole it was dropped into. Psalm 22:1-18 which was written by King David about 1,000 B.C. was fulfilled by our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. Jesus died on the cross because His heart and lung paracardial sack and plural sack filled with fluid and caused an erythema of the heart. After three hours of hanging on the cross, at noon darkness came over the whole land for three hours: Luke 23:44. After six hours of hanging on the cross Jesus cried out to His Father: Luke 23:45-46. It was three p.m. and our Lord Jesus gave up His spirit: John 19:28-37; Psalm 34:20; Zechariah 12:10; John 19:35.

III. DO YOU BELIEVE?

Do you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sin? Do you believe that Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb? John 19:38-42. Do you believe that Jesus Christ after three days arose from the dead with a glorified body? John 20:1-9. Have you believed in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior so that you might have eternal life through His Name? John 20:30-31; 1 John 5:9-13. Our Lord's gift of eternal life must be received by faith: John 1:10-13. The Apostle Paul gave many convincing proofs that our Lord rose from the dead: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. With 500 plus witnesses if you gave each witness fifteen minutes to tell what they saw starting at eight in the morning on Monday and went twenty-four hours a day you would not end the testimony until Saturday at eight a.m. Because our Lord rose from the dead we have a living hope! 1 Corinthians 5:12-20. Why did our Lord suffer so? Hebrews 9:15-28.