

Question:

What kind of beatings did Jesus endure—specifically the “fists” mentioned in Scripture?

Answer:

Mark 14:65

“Then some began to spit at Him; they blindfolded Him, struck Him with their fists, and said, ‘Prophecy!’ And the guards took Him and beat Him.”

This moment describes physical and verbal abuse that Jesus faced during His unjust trial. Yes—Jesus was punched, spat on, mocked, and beaten. These were not just symbolic gestures of suffering; they were real, brutal assaults endured by the Son of God.

Many people are familiar with the fact that Jesus was scourged—whipped severely—by Roman soldiers (John 19:1):

“Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged.”

And He was spat on again during His torture:

Mark 15:19 says:

“Again and again they struck Him on the head with a staff and spit on Him. Falling on their knees, they paid mock homage to Him.”

But often overlooked is the reality that Jesus was repeatedly punched in the face, and these beatings were so extreme that they disfigured Him beyond recognition.

This fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy is captured in Isaiah 52:13-14

“See, My servant will act wisely; He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

Just as there were many who were appalled at Him—His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and His form marred beyond human likeness.”

This suffering wasn't meaningless. Jesus endured it as the substitute for sinful humanity. He took upon Himself our punishment, fulfilling the prophecy of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53:

“But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.”

(Isaiah 53:5)

The harsh beatings were part of God's redemptive plan. They remind us of the seriousness of sin and the immense love of God, who did not spare His own Son (Romans 8:32), but gave Him up to suffer for us.

Too often, portrayals of Jesus' suffering in films or art soften the harsh reality. This can mislead us into thinking that the cross was

a mild event. But the devil wants us to underestimate the cross, to see it as something ordinary or symbolic.

However, the Bible emphasizes that we were redeemed at a very high cost:

1 Corinthians 6:20:

“You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

The Danger of Disregarding the Cross

Treating the sacrifice of Christ lightly or casually is dangerous. It's not just offensive—it's spiritually destructive.

Hebrews 10:29:

“How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?”

Jesus' suffering should break our hearts. It should draw us to repentance, and lead us to live in gratitude and obedience, not indifference.

A Call to Respond

If you haven't yet surrendered your life to Christ, don't delay. This isn't just about avoiding judgment—it's about embracing eternal life, offered freely through Jesus.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Imagine missing out on that gift—not even because of the lake of fire, but simply being cut off from God forever. Isn't that a loss too great to risk?

Revelation 20:15

"Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life

was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Jesus died and rose again to give you a new life now, and eternal life forever. Accept His gift. Don't wait.

May the Lord bless you. †

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