

Crucifixion is a form of punishment where a person is hung on a wooden cross or upright stake, with their hands and feet either tied or nailed in place, and left there until they die.

This was a cruel and painful execution method used in ancient times by powerful empires such as Rome. People accused of serious crimes like treason, rebellion, or murder were not given a quick death such as beheading. Instead, they were subjected to this slow and extremely painful punishment. A person could hang on the cross for two to three days, and sometimes even longer, suffering continuously until death finally came.

This is the punishment chosen for our Savior, Jesus Christ although He was completely innocent and without sin. Even Governor Pilate testified that Jesus had done nothing wrong:

Luke 23:4 (NIV)

Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

But the Scriptures had to be fulfilled so that we could receive complete redemption. Jesus had to suffer deeply so that you and I could receive the forgiveness of sins through His death.

The price He paid was beyond measure. He was stripped, humiliated, beaten, and His whole body was wounded. He endured all of this so that we could receive forgiveness, be saved from sin, and be rescued from eternal judgment in hell.

That is why the Bible says:

Hebrews 2:3 (NIV)

How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

Have you received Jesus into your life?

If not, you can surrender to Him today and receive this great salvation.

May the Lord bless you.

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