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EASTERN MESSAGE

Logo – An identifying symbol. The cross is seen everywhere Church steeples, cloths, and jewelry – Why where a cross on a necklace? Cross was a device used for capital punishment Nothing wrong with capital punishment It is interesting that the symbol is a cross and not a rock? Jesus is a Jew - Stoning the method of capital punishment for Jews The fact that Christ was crucified rather than stoned demonstrates the accuracy of the Bible.

- Psa. 22 vividly describes Christ’s crucifixion 1,000 yrs. before it happened.
- Isa. 53 described it over 700 yrs. before it happened.
- Psa 22:7-8 People would watch Him as He was suffering publicly
- Psa 22:16 His hands and feet would be pierced,.
- Psa 34:20 Not one of His bones would be broken.
- Psa 69:21 They would offer the Lord Jesus Christ gall and vinegar,
- Zec 12:10 The piercing of Jesus’ side
- Isa 53:12 The prophecy of His crucifixion

In a moment we will look at crucifixion closer but first we will focus on the events that preceded it. After Christ was arrested by a cohort of armed Roman soldiers (300 – 600 men),

- **Trial 1** He was taken to Annas the former high priest and political boss. for the first of six trials He would face **John 18:12-14.**
- **Trial 2** - This time He stood before Caiaphas the current high priest. There they spat in His face, slapped him in the face, blindfolded Him and then buffeted (KJV) Him. They said, “Prophecy to us , You Christ, who is the one who hit you., **Luke 22:63-65** This was prophesied in **Isa. 52:14**

- **Trial 3** - Our Lord was battered and bruised, dehydrated and exhausted from a sleepless night as He stood before the Counsel of Jewish Elders (the Sanhedrin). They decided to they drag Him away to stand before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Procurator of Judea because the Jews could not legally hold a trial at night or on a Holy Day and were not allowed to execute anyone. **Luke 22:66-71**
- **Trial 4** - Pilate had to go out to meet them at the gate because it was illegal for them to enter a Gentile dwelling on a Holy Day. Pilate took our Lord in and questioned Him and found no fault in Him. When Pilate heard that Jesus was from Galilee, he pawned Him off on King Herod Ahtipas **John 18:28-38**,
- **Trial 5** - Herod wanted Jesus to perform tricks and when Jesus refused to amuse him, Herod mocked Him and sent Him back to Pilate.
- **Trial 6** - Pilate offered to release Jesus because of a Passover custom but the mob insisted that Barabbas be released instead of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered Jesus to be scourged.

SCOURGING - The prisoner is stripped of His clothing and His hands are tied to a post above His head. A professional in scourging, called a lictor, steps forward with the flagrum (or flagellum) in his hand. This is a short whip consisting of several heavy, leather thongs with small balls of lead, bits of sharp metal or bones attached near the ends of each. The heavy whip is brought down with full force again and again across Jesus shoulders, back and legs. At first the heavy thongs cut through the skin only. Then, as the blows continue, they are cut deeper into the subcutaneous tissues, producing first an oozing of blood from the capillaries and veins of the skin, and finally spurting arterial bleeding from vessels in the underlying muscles. The small balls of lead first produce large, deep bruises which are broken open by subsequent blows. Finally the skin of the back is hanging in long ribbons and the entire area is an unrecognizable mass of torn bleeding tissue. When it is determined by the centurion in charge that the prisoner is near death, the beating is finally stopped.

The cruel soldiers stripped Him and then put a purple robe on His shoulders, put a reed in His right hand for a scepter, pushed a crown of thorns on His head and mocked Him by kneeling down before Him saying, “Hail Jesus, King of the Jews.” Then they punched

Him in the face, beat Him over the head, which was covered with sharp thorns, with the reed and then ripped the robe off of Him. Jesus was then led away to be crucified *Matt. 27:27-31, John 18:39- 19:1-16*

Our Lord had the crossbeam of the cross, called a patibulum (over 100 lbs.), which was tied to his shoulders and a sign was hung around His neck with the charges for which He was being executed as they headed for Golgotha. The sign read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews" (The main portion of the cross is called the "stipes".) Once they reached the location, our Lord was stripped naked as they started to nail Him to the cross. The soldiers offered Him "gall" which was a cheap wine which acted as a mild narcotic to dull the pain and our magnificent Lord refused it.

The first Adam was naked when he got us into trouble and the last Adam was naked when He got us out of trouble. The cross is the most painful and humiliating method of execution ever invented. Today we strive to make it as painless as possible but not them. Started with the Persians, then Carthigenians, then the Romans. Describe the procedure for nailing Him to the cross. The Lord turned cursing to blessing Deut. 23:5 What Satan meant for evil, God would turn into good