

The Apostles' Creed Was Crucified, Dead and Buried

Zechariah 12:10 ❖ John 19:28-42

"No Gospel writer gives a record of the actual crucifixion. They merely tell what went on around the cross. In the inspired record it is as if God placed the mantle of darkness over the last three hours of the life of Jesus on the cross and said, 'This is something you cannot look at. It is beyond human comprehension. The suffering cannot be fathomed.'" ("Matthew," J. Vernon McGee, p. 169)

Symbols

The symbol of Judaism is a _____, the symbol of Islam is a _____ and the symbol of Buddhism is a _____.

The symbol for Christianity is a _____. *What might the symbol be if Jesus were executed today?*

Chances are we have become desensitized to "the _____, _____ cross," on which Jesus _____ as well as the _____ in which Jesus was buried.

Three words in the Apostles' Creed emphasize Jesus' _____ ...

Crucified

Crucifixion was the most _____ form of capital punishment the world has ever known and gave birth to the word _____.

When the _____ were driven through the wrists and ankles, they were driven through very _____ nerves and tendons.

"Without the _____ of _____ there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22).

Notes on verses 21-29:

Dead

"They will look on Me, the One they have _____, and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an _____ child" (Zechariah 12:10).

"The wages of sin is _____" (Romans 6:23).

The _____ Son of God died for the _____ sons of men.

Notes on verses 30-37:

Buried

"At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a _____, and in the garden a new _____, in which no one had ever been _____" (John 19:41).

"That Jesus was buried in the elegance of the _____ stood in sharp contrast to the customary procedure of disposing of the bodies of executed criminals on the _____ heap outside of Jerusalem. His _____ body was treated with _____ and _____." ("What We Believe," R. C. Sproul, pp. 128-129)

The burial of a dead body is the ultimate _____ of a life.

Notes on verses 38-42:

Takeaway

"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, _____ teaches us that we sometimes need _____ from ourselves - from our recklessness or our greed. _____ sent into the world a unique _____ - neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) - but a _____, with the power to _____." (The Queen, 2011 Christmas Speech)

"Greater _____ hath no man than this, that a man lay down his _____ for his friends" (John 15:13 KJV).

