

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS—PART 3:
PROOF OF JESUS' DEATH
(John 19:31-37)

- I. The JEWS Request His Death Be HASTENED (John 19:31)
 - A. It was “the day of PREPARATION”
 - 1. The SABBATH was approaching
 - 2. This Sabbath was “a HIGH DAY”
 - B. They wanted the BODIES removed before SUNDOWN (cf. Deut. 21:22-23)
 - 1. Romans typically left bodies HANGING
 - 2. Scripture said their LAND would be DEFILED
 - C. They asked for their LEGS to be BROKEN

- II. The SOLDIERS Require His Death Be CONFIRMED (John 19:32-34)
 - A. Soldiers broke the legs of the OTHER TWO
 - B. They did NOT break JESUS' legs
 - C. They determined He was ALREADY DEAD (cf. 19:30)
 - D. One soldier “PIERCED His side with a SPEAR”
 - 1. PROVED beyond doubt Jesus was DEAD
 - 2. “BLOOD and WATER came out”

III. The EVANGELIST/APOSTLE Affirms His Death Was ACCOMPLISHED (John 19:35-37)

A. John vows his own TESTIMONY is RELIABLE

1. He AFFIRMS he saw this proof that Jesus really DIED

2. He URGES the reader to BELIEVE (cf. 20:30-31)

B. These things FULFILLED the Scripture

1. That NONE of His bones would be BROKEN (Exod. 12:46; Num. 9:12;
cf. Ps. 34:20)

2. That they would GAZE on One whom they PIERCED (Zech. 12:10)

C. The FATHER'S WILL had been performed