

Gospel of John

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Following orders, what do the soldiers do? **19:32; Prov.12:10**

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Temple veil torn; Earthquake; Some dead rose; Light again; Centurion → "Son of God"!

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Have the legs broken to cause rapid death so that bodies are not on cross on the Sabbath.

What is the meaning of 'that Sabbath was a high day'? **Ex.12:1-6, 14; Nu.28:16-18**; weekday?

This is the Passover celebration. Jesus is the Passover Lamb. This is Always on the 14th...

Following orders, what do the soldiers do? **19:32; Prov.12:10**

Using an iron mallet they break the legs of the other two victims. Suffocation was quick.

But NOT following orders, what does one of the soldiers do to Jesus? **19:33-34a; Ex.12:43-46**

First, did not break His legs. Second, one soldier pierced His side with a spear! Why??

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Maybe just to prove that Jesus was dead. Perhaps spurred on by the Jews. But God...

What does John correctly observe about both these actions? **19:36; Acts 1:16; Mt.5:18**

Both were total fulfillment of Scriptural prophecy! No bones broken; ...Him they pierced.

But what unexpected thing happened when Jesus' side was pierced? **19:34-35**

Immediately there came out blood and water! And clearly it was unbelievable and true!

Physically, what does this 'spear piercing' demonstrate?

Absolute proof that the Body was dead! Aimed at His heart. Destroys 'swoon' theory.

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