

# ***Why The Crucifixion?***



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# ***Sin Is Spiritual Separation***

## ■ **Romans 6:23**

- **“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

## ■ **Isaiah 64:6**

- **“For all of us have become like one who is unclean...all our righteous deeds are like filthy garments...”**

## ■ **Romans 3:23**

- **“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**

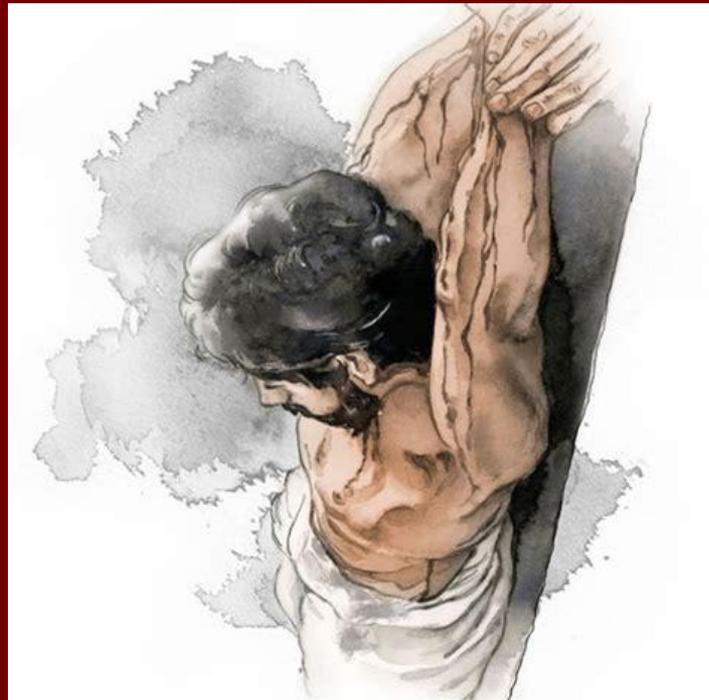
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- **Genesis 3:15**
  - “...He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”
- **Romans 16:20**
  - “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet...”
- **Romans 13:12**
  - “The night is almost gone and the day is near...put on the armor of light.”

# *Resolution to Our Sinful Separation*

## ■ **II Corinthians 5:21**

- “God made Him (Christ), who knew no sin, to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

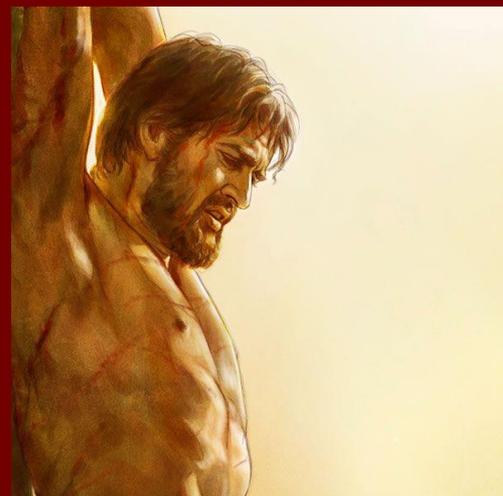


# ***Resolution to Our Sinful Separation***

- **Crucifixion shows up in movies depicting Christ or people in Christ's time meeting horrible deaths**

**Greek word use is *Stauros***

**Some historians report that a *stauros* was simply a stake, pole or post upon which the victim was either nailed, strapped or impaled**



# *Historian Context of Stauros*

- **The Romans made an art form of crucifixion as a means of capital punishment after borrowing the idea from the Greeks and Phoenicians.**
- **The Babylonians, Persians and Assyrians also used various forms of crucifixion.**



# *Historian Context of Stauros*

- In Jesus' day, crucifixion was considered so gruesome that it was reserved for slaves and the worst criminals or enemies of the state. Death took days. Crucifixions occurred visibly for lessons to all.
- **Deuteronomy 21:23**



# ***Why Did Jesus Have To Die That Way?***

- **The Romans usually left the bodies to rot or be eaten by scavengers. No doubt Jesus had seen the remains of many crucifixions as He traveled Galilee and Judea. He knew He would someday experience it firsthand.**



# ***Why Did Jesus Have To Die That Way?***

## ■ **Hebrews 9:22-27**

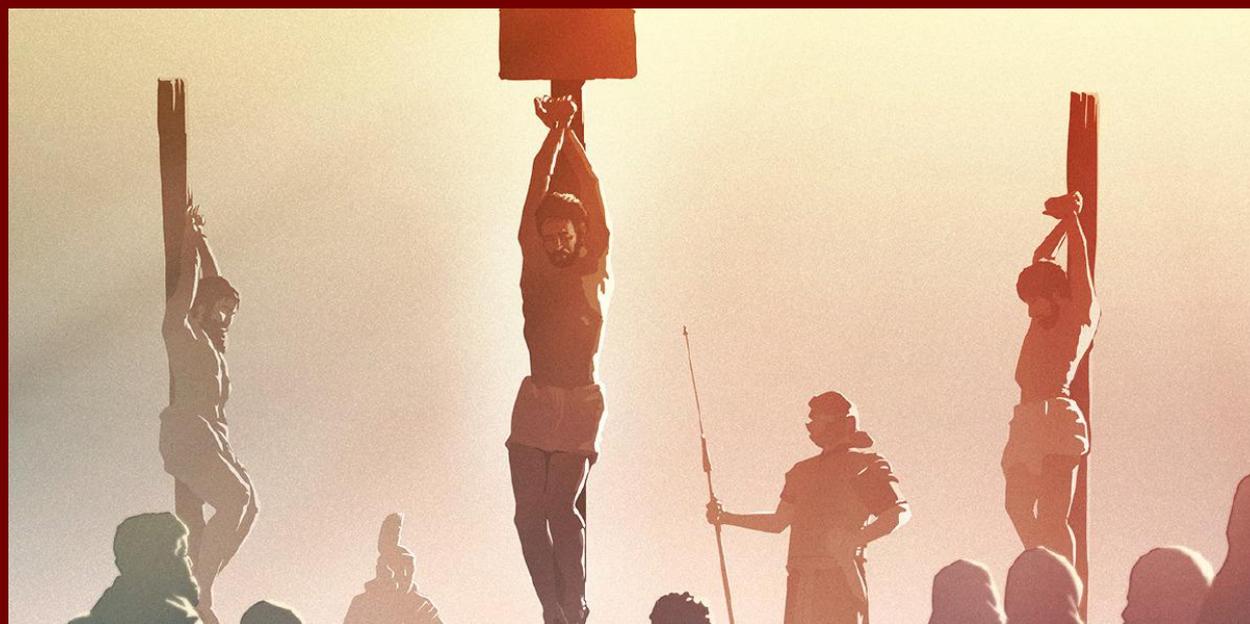
- **“...Without shedding of blood there is no remission...It is appointed for men to die once...but after this the judgment.”**



# *Crucifixion: Shame*

## ■ **Matthew 27:38**

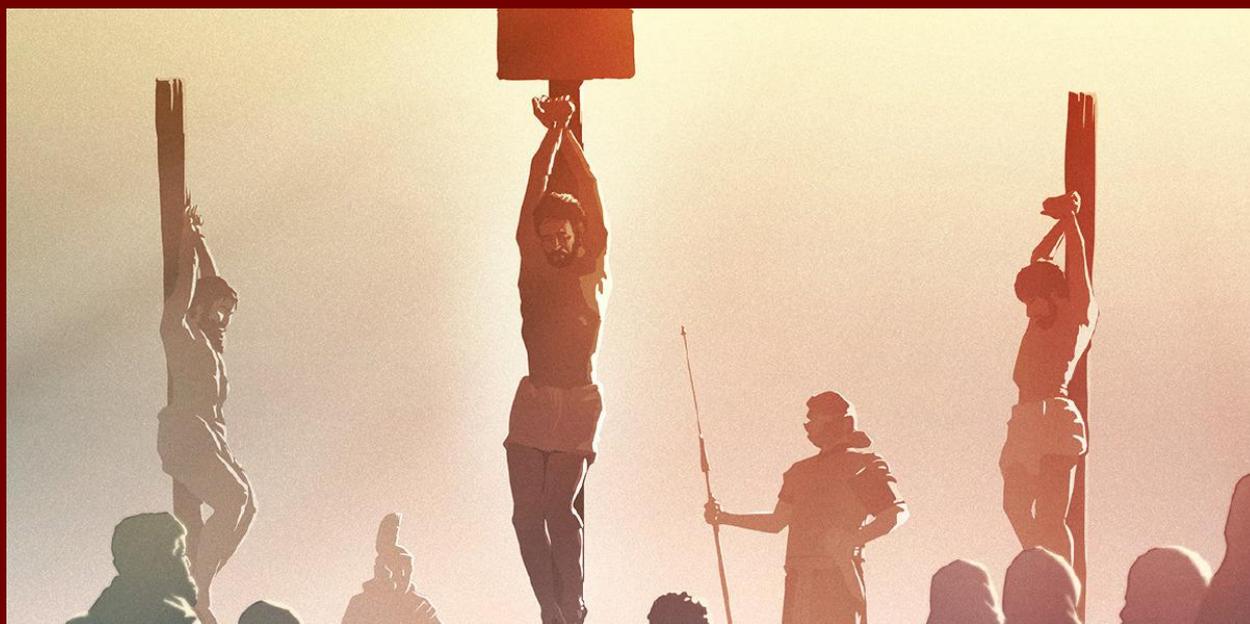
- “At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.”
- The typical passerby would have judged Jesus guilty by association.



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## ■ Hebrews 12:2

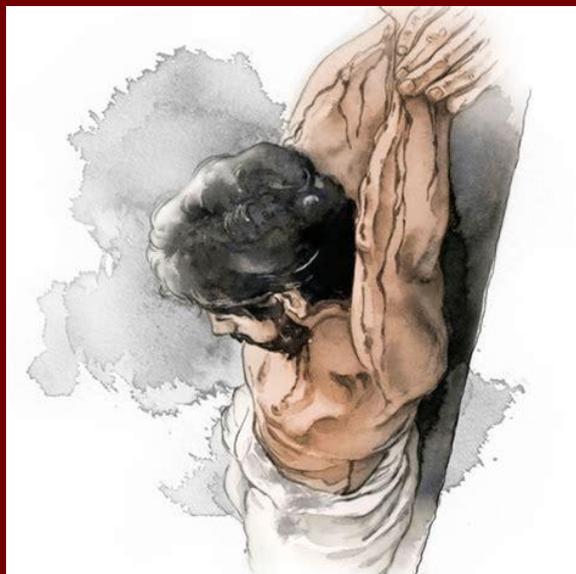
- “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him *endured the cross, despising the shame*, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”



# *Crucifixion: Shame*

## ■ Hebrews 6:4-6

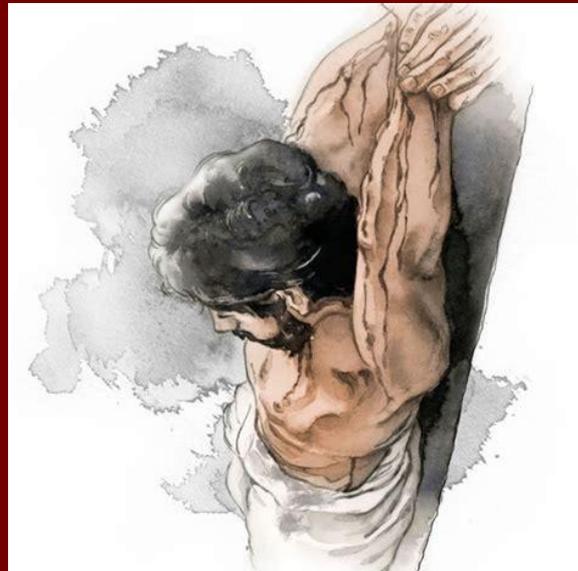
- “For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift...if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they *crucify* again for themselves the Son of God, *and put Him to an open shame.*”



# *Crucifixion: Agony*

## ■ Isaiah 52:14

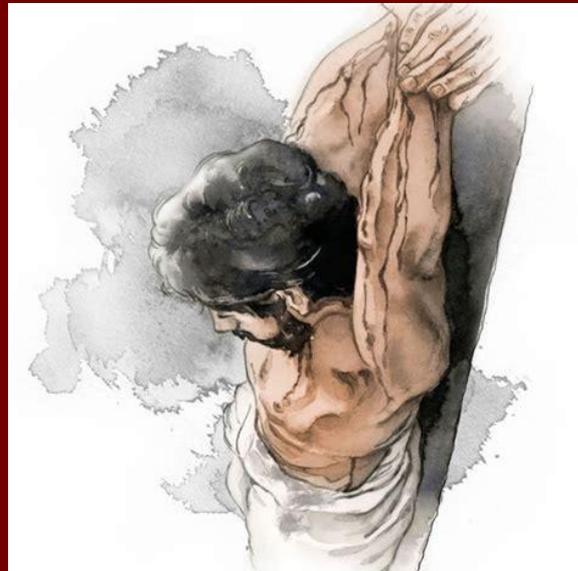
- “Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage [*appearance*, margin] was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.”



# *Crucifixion: Agony*

## ■ Isaiah 53:5

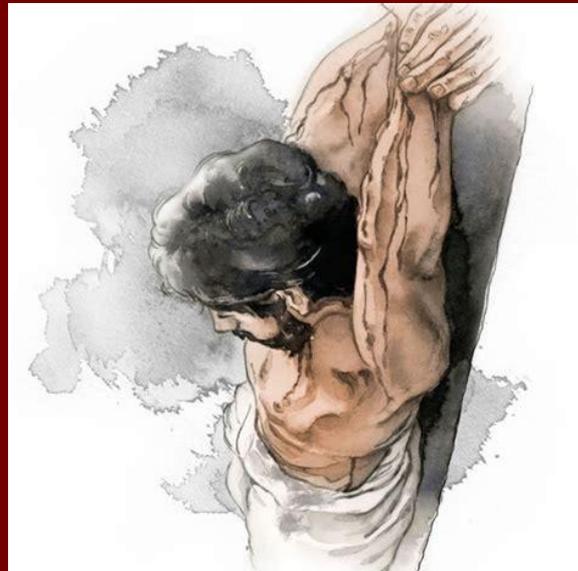
- “He was “wounded [*pierced through*, margin] for our transgressions, He was bruised [*crushed*] for our iniquities. The chastening for our well being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.”



# *Crucifixion: Agony*

## ■ **Philippians 2:8**

- “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, *even the death of the cross.*”



# ***Application: Appreciation***

- He died the death of a convicted criminal; put to death by execution in the most painful and shameful way man could devise.
- The crucifixion showed the horror, the ugly and disgusting shame, the heaviness and the suffering caused by sin.
- All sin. Every sin. Even "tiny" sins. Even "secret" sins.
- Your sins. My sins.
- All of them.